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MEMORABILIA IS TAKEN OVERNIGHT IN VERE STREET RAID...

Agents from dark side break into the 'Star Wars' barbers

A popular local barber's shop in Barry was broken into and a valuable collection of Star Wars memorabilia stolen.

The owner, Steve Cleaver, arrived at Vere Street to open up on Tuesday morning, December 1, to find

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

agents of the 'dark side' had been at work – the bottom of a front door smashed in and valuable and sentimental items taken.

His business, Steve's Barbers, is known

affectionately by local people as the Star Wars barbers with collectables, toys and posters from the film franchise adorning the shop.

Thieves broke in overnight between November 30 and December 1 and stole a number of valuable items, including an original 1977 model of the Millennium Falcon, a Boba Fett action figure in its original packaging signed by actor Jeremy Bulloch; a Star Wars VHS boxset signed 'To Steve from David Prowse' – Prowse famously played Darth Vader in the original films.

They also stole part of Steve's vintage games console collection, including Nintendo NES, Nintendo 64 and his Christmas tip box with over £100 cash, and his clipper blades and clippers.

Steve told The GEM: "I think the break-in may have taken place at around three or four o'clock in the morning."

"A friend who lives in a flat across the road heard a sound at around 3.40am, looked out, but couldn't see anything. It was pitch black because the lights were out."

"I'm obviously upset about the loss of the collection, but it bothers me more to think that someone has broken into my shop. This is my livelihood."

Police and forensics attended the scene.

Steve appealed to the public to come forward if they have information or are offered Star Wars collectables in the run up to Christmas.

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Santa's Grotto brings Christmas cheer to all at the Barry Hospital!

EACH Christmas local ambulancemen Tony Lott and Matt Williams construct their popular Santa's Grotto at Barry Hospital.

In the picture to the right, Tony (Santa) and Matt (Rudolph) are joined by ambulance supervisor Helen Radcliffe (Santa's Elf) and Barbara Goodway of the hospital WRVS, serving coffee.

In the image below, right, ambulance manager Kevin Crowther is the yellow star hitching a ride on Santa's sleigh!

Tony, an ambulanceman for 24 years, told The GEM: "We've been doing Santa's Grotto for 10 years now and patients, visitors and staff love it – it's a real morale booster."

Matt, who has 18 years' service added: "Children are thrilled when they see it."

"When we originally started the grotto years ago, it was smaller, but has got bigger over the years."



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'Cardiff is best bet for merger'

SOME Vale of Glamorgan councillors have recently commented on the Welsh Government's proposals to merge councils in Wales and reduce their number to either eight or nine.

The leader, Coun Moore, believes the council should be left alone because of a perceived status as the best authority.

I disagree, but even if he was correct, the changes are not a beauty contest, but more about delivering better and more efficient services for the whole of Wales.

Recently in the local press, Couns Mahoney and Clarke have taken a different position, supporting the need to reduce the number of councils, despite all the scare stories from many other Vale councillors.

I support the need to reduce the number of councils and the 1,254 councillors.

We have far too many elected representatives in Wales compared with other parts of the UK. Scotland, with almost double the population, has fewer councillors than Wales.

Cardiff has almost twice as many constituents as the Vale. If we are to merge, surely Cardiff would be the best bet?

Ignore the clear self-interest of the political parties, the scare stories, and your view of the capability of politicians on both councils, and then take a hard look at the realities.

We have a dynamic capital city on our doorstep, bursting with economic activity; it has first class facilities in terms of shopping, amenities and leisure, and the employment opportunities for our community are significant.

Personalities will change on a new merged council and the number of councillors should fall from a combined 122 to 75 – that's about a £1m saving each year on councillors' payments alone.

A measure of our commonality with Cardiff is the number of people travelling to Cardiff every day: 20,500 daily commuters from the Vale.

And oh, by the way, the Minister, Leighton Andrews, believes Wales can save £650m over 10 years!

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY member.

Hospital parking

HOW much longer will we be able to park without charge when attending hospitals? This highly successful policy seems to be at risk following the rejection in England of allowing free parking for carers when taking patients for treatment.

This did not include all people visiting, or ordinary patients attending hospital. It simply related to carers taking patients.

With the worry and stress associated with hospital attendance, at least the financial burden can be lifted in this small but welcome

way. If such limited concessions were rejected by the UK Government in England, logically, free parking at Welsh hospitals will be undermined if ever the Conservatives get any serious influence in the Welsh Assembly.

All too often, the MP complains about what councils or the Assembly are doing. He rarely faces up to the actions of the UK Government of which he is a Minister.

It might be appropriate for him to concentrate more on his job.

Nic Hodges, Barry Plaid Cymru councillor.

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Syria: 'lessons have still not been learned'

OUR representative in the House of Commons voted in favour of air strikes against ISIS/Daesh in Syria.

Strong opposition to the air strikes from the Syrian community in the UK, trapped residents in Al-Raqqa and even the Free Syrian Army – who are supposed to make up most of David Cameron's fantasy of 70,000 "moderate" troops on the ground – was ignored.

Bashar Al-Assad, who is responsible for the deaths of

thousands of people, is mocking our foolishness. Bombing campaigns have repeatedly failed to achieve their objectives.

The lessons from World War Two and other conflicts have not been learned. An ideology, or feelings of injustice, cannot be killed with bombs.

ISIS are amongst the few winners from this decision. They've been awarded news headlines around the world, without the need to commit another atrocity.

The cycle of violence cannot be stopped with more violence,

pain and killing. More violence will influence others to commit violent acts.

The other winners are those in the UK who enjoy reading about the weapons technology that the UK will deploy – while feeling very patriotic – and the arms manufacturers.

Our Government has failed to set out a vision for Syria when the fighting stops – or explain how the different groups, including the Kurds, will be included in negotiations.

Ian Perry,

Cardiff.

When will we ever learn?

WHY did Mr Cameron use a three-line Whip to bully Conservative MPs on what many said was a matter of personal choice?

Was it the ridiculous claim of 70,000 local troops; the claim that we had unique targeted missiles (no other nation has chosen them); or the unproven claim that we had thwarted seven terrorist threats (ISIL?)

We were already part of the coalition forces bombing Iraq, so why go into Syria? The

Americans and others admit they have too many missiles chasing too few targets.

The prime minister wanted to play with the big boys; let's see how he now deals with the inevitable consequences.

I for one felt less secure in the UK the night Parliament voted and the bombers rushed in within two hours.

ISIL have sucked us in to war and will feel free to attack. When will we ever learn?

Steve Reed,
Rhoose.

New party aims to scrap Assembly

SO now tax raising powers will be devolved to the Welsh Assembly – I think the Welsh people will come to bitterly regret this.

During the 2011 referendum for 'More Powers to the Welsh Assembly', the 'Yes' campaign promised over and over again that this would NOT happen.

Well, it has, and this 'bit by bit' strategy will undoubtedly continue.

The fact that we are lumbered with yet another layer of unnecessary politicians

at vast expense is bad enough. The steady process of loosening our ties to the United Kingdom will be far more damaging and needs to be stopped urgently.

Those of your readers who feel this danger now have a chance to make their voices heard. A new political party has been formed and will be standing candidates in next year's Welsh Assembly elections.

This party's aim is to abolish the Assembly; no more, no less.

David Bevan,
Chairman,
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'Praise young stars in the making'

ON behalf of the Friends and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking some 180 students of Superstars in the Making for their excellent 'Winter Showcase' at Barry Memorial Hall.

The show was immensely enjoyed by all and it was great to see many of the members singing along to the old melodies.

Without a doubt, Baby Stars and Twinkles

Stars stole the hearts of many and it was amazing to see such little ones have their first time on a stage.

The confidence and dedication of the students of Budding Star, Rising Stars and the MTP class, was obvious.

It was great to see it so well supported, with 1,000 people filling the hall and a standing ovation at the end was very well deserved.

Well done to all!

Gay Fiffeld,
Co-ordinator, Friends and Neighbours.

'Why no festive lights for Rhosee?'

HOW nice it is to see all the reports in The GEM about Christmas light switches – though it rubs salt in the wounds of Rhosee villagers.

A few months ago, we were promised our first-ever display of Christmas lights, but in the next breath we were told this wouldn't go ahead due to the high cost of health and safety management issues, unless we all wanted to foot the bill.

I'm sure I'm not on my own in asking what our council tax is being used for? Especially when you take into account that the small extras that used to be provided by the council, ie black bags, weekly rubbish collections, food bags, free trailer passes to use the nearest utilities site, and even general advice, all have to be paid for.

I don't remember being asked if I wanted our street lighting to be turned off for six hours a night, and do we really need all of those cycle lanes, especially as most cyclists have an aversion to them, anyway?

I must have missed the ballot to ask the public's opinion on giving the Syrian refugees £100,000 of taxpayers' money. It's maybe a worthy cause, but most people like to have a say about which charitable organisations they donate to.

We will also have 11,000 new-build houses thrust on us in the Vale; the Rhosee Point development is becoming so huge that as well losing its identity as a village, Rhosee will join on to Barry, thus losing the green space boundary. Of course, there are no plans to help with the general road infrastructure which consists of one main road leading through the village.

So my last question is, if Rhosee has to endure some of the trappings of small town status, why is it not appropriate to give us some niceties like Christmas lights – especially when places like Penarth, Barry, and Cowbridge have had them every year, and Cowbridge still refuses to have any new-builds 'in their back garden'.

(Name and address supplied).

'Where are tree lights?'

WHAT has happened to the fairy lights on the Christmas trees through Cowbridge High Street?

Driving home about 8pm on Wednesday, December 2, I counted 23 trees not lit up. Every year the number increases. It is a shame the time and effort to put the trees up ends up with the majority unlit.

Where is the Christmas spirit? Are the lights faulty or do businesses feel they can't afford to switch them on?

Many years ago, it was a delight to drive down from the traffic lights into the town and admire them. Now it looks like a sad reflection of things to come.

Mrs V Morris,
Cowbridge.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
10 Thur	05.31	9.3	17.47	9.3
11 Fri	06.09	9.5	18.24	9.7
12 Sat	06.44	9.8	19.06	9.8
13 Sun	07.22	9.9	19.44	9.8
14 Mon	07.59	9.8	20.21	9.7
15 Tues	08.42	9.7	21.04	9.5
16 Wed	09.28	9.4	21.51	9.2
17 Thur	10.14	9.2	22.41	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'Star Wars' burglary

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Also stolen were an original 1977 Millennium Falcon; a Play Station 3; a Nintendo NES; a Nintendo 64; five Star Wars pop vinyl figures; an 18 inch Star Wars stormtrooper; three Star Wars boxed figures; a 12 inch Tie fighter pilot in a box; a Star Wars silver DVD box set; a lego Star Wars Landspeeder; a tip box with at least £100 in it, and clipper blades and clippers.

If anyone has information they can contact Barry police on 101 or phone anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Some of the Star Wars memorabilia that was stolen from Steve's Barbers.

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LOCAL BARRY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

CRIB DIVISION 1

Moors Boys 6, Wyndham Cons 9, Rhooose Social 6, West End Runaways 9, Liberals 8, Cadoxton Cons 7.

League table points
 Wyndham Cons 80; Liberals 76; West End Runaways 74; West End 72; Rhooose Social 64; Cadoxton Cons 63; Moors Boys 51.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1

Rugby Club 2½, King William XII 4½; Rhooose Social A ½, Slammers 6½; Rhooose Social B 5, Allsorts 2; Barries Boys ½, Rhooose Social C 6½; Liberals A 1½, West End D 5½; Cambrian Flyers 1, Sea View B 6; West End C 4, Liberals C 3.

League table points

Sea View B 53.0; King William XII 39.5; Rugby Club 39.5; West End D 39.5; Rhooose Social B 36.5; Slammers 33.5; West End C 33.0; Allsorts 32.5; Barries Boys 31.5; Liberals A 28.5; Rhooosters 26.0; Rhooose Social A 25.0; Liberals C 23.5; Cambrian Flyers 22.0; Rhooose Social C 19.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1

Wyndham Cons A 4, Caddy Allstars 1; Savoy

A 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2; Rhooose Social C 2, Rhooose Social B 3; West End C 3, Cadoxton Cons B 2; Penarth Cons B 0, Harbour B 5.

League table points

Savoy A 43; Harbour B41; West End C 34; Cadoxton Cons B 31; Wyndham Cons A 30; Rhooose Social C 23; *Cadoxton Cons Z 22; Rhooose Social B 19; Caddy Allstars 18; Market Street C 15; Penarth Cons B 15.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2

Wyndham Cons C 4, Wyndham Cons D 1; Cadoxton Cons A 3, West End B 2; Savoy B 2, Liberators 3; Services Social B 3, Market Street B 2; Penarth Cons A 4, West End A 1.

League table points

Liberators 37; Services Social B 35; Market Street B 33; Penarth Cons A 31; Savoy B 27; Cadoxton Cons A 27; Wyndham Cons C 27; West End A 20; Sully; Sports A 19; West End B 19; Wyndham Cons D 15.

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School play warns pupils about the dangers of 'sexting'

YEAR-9 students at Barry Comprehensive recently watched SXT0, a theatre project by Cwmni Theatr Arad Goch, which explores the reality behind the current headlines about young people and sexting.

Work on SXT0 began in 2010 as a collaboration between Cwmni Theatr Arad Goch, author Bethan Gwanas and director Angharad Lee.

The script was recently revamped by Bethan Gwanas to ensure that the latest terminology and digital technology is referred to during the performance.

Mark Bishop and the Vale Youth Offending Service funded this performance on behalf of the Vale Learning and



ABOVE: Cwmni Theatr Arad Goch perform at the Barry Comprehensive School.

Skills Directorate, so that young adults in the Vale are aware of the serious problems that can occur when people send sexual content on mobile phones.

Ms Smith, Barry Comprehensive School's PSE co-ordinator, said: "The performance was

excellent, it was engaging and covered current issues associated with 'sexting'.

"The pupils asked many questions at the end of the performance and found the whole experience enjoyable and informative".

News from Ysgol Sant Baruc...



The sign competition winners.



Mets Grêt Peer supporters.

Great Mates
DURING playtime and lunchtime, the 'Mets Grêt' (great mates), wander the yard looking for any opportunity to help the younger pupils.

If there are any problems the Mets Grêt are always on hand to offer solutions and help in any way possible. Year-6 have taken on this responsibility in a mature and conscientious manner. Thank you, year-6 and well done!

Mets Grêt

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Design a sign competition
DURING autumn half term, the junior pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc were set an important task. They had to design a peer supporter sign for the front yard.

The standard was extremely high and after long discussion three winners were chosen: First, Annie Sheldon, year-4; second, Gwenno Davies, year-6; third, Henry Parry, year-4. The winning entry is being made into a weatherproof poster. All entries are on display at the school.

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Roedd safon yr arlunio yn wych a bu llawer o drafod am y canlyniad: Dyfarnwyd y gwobrau fel a ganlyn: 1af, Annie Sheldon blwyddyn-4; 2ail, Gwenno Davies, blwyddyn-6; 3ydd, Henry Parry, blwyddyn-4.

Bydd y dyluniad buddigol yn cael ei greu yn boster addas ar gyfer yr iard. Mae gwaith y plant wedi ei arddangos yn yr ysgol.

High Street Christmas lights

ON Friday, November 27, the school choir sang a variety of Christmas carols to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights on High Street.

Although it was a very wet and windy evening, the choir sang beautifully encouraging the crowd to get into the Christmas spirit.

Goleuadau Nadolig High Street

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HELEN SCULLY

Magic of Christmas at St Mary's Church

TWO real donkeys arrived at St Mary's Church in Holton Road on Monday, December 14 to open 'The Story of Christmas'.

The beautiful story will be told every day until Saturday at 10.30am and 1.30pm, and is completely free for everyone. Beginning five years ago in Cardiff, this is the first year for Barry.

Church members have been working hard to make brilliant costumes for all the parts and the

actors will be members of the Barry churches of St Mary, All Saints, St Paul, St Helen, Merthyr Dyfan, St Baruc and St Cadoc, together with those from the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other churches.

Many schools will be bringing children throughout the week, and adults are welcome at all performances, which last for 20 minutes. The donkeys will be at every performance and are sure to be a great attraction for the children.

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SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Clive Road, Barry Island from its junction with the access road that leads into Barry Island car park at grid 311262 and continuing in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 50m.

Reason To allow junction improvement works to take place.

Duration From 8.00am on Monday 4th January 2016 for a maximum period of 18 Months. It is anticipated that the works will be concluded by 24th March 2016 (weather permitting).

Alt Route Diversions for traffic will be available via Plymouth Road, Archer Road, and along the remaining open section of Clive Road.

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Dated this 10th day of December 2015.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



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How a poem to welcome Ella Rhian touched the hearts of GEM readers

by PHILIP IRWIN

GEM readers may have noticed a number of letters in last week's edition (December 3), commenting on how moved they were by a poem in the births' section of the newspaper on November 26.

One reader was in tears after reading Brian Lewis' poem, written to welcome his first great-grand-daughter, Ella Rhian, into the world.

However, he chose to write on behalf of his wife, Betty, who has Alzheimer's, and who has been denied the delight of greeting Ella Rhian herself.

Mr Lewis, who lives in Llantwit Major, told THE GEM: "Family and friends around the world have been deeply moved, too. I didn't expect such a reaction when I wrote it, but it seems to have struck a chord."

Brian and Betty Lewis lived in London for 50 years, and moved to Llantwit three years

JUST FOR YOU Ella Rhian: (born November 16, 2015)

I'm sorry I'm unable to say what you mean to me,
But I suffer from Alzheimer's which stole my memory;
Of your parents and of you - I am pleased and so proud,
And if I could, I know I would shout it out so loud,
For I am your great grandmother and I love you.

I'd look forward to holding you and taking you for a walk,
I'd teach you lots of simple things, how to read - how to talk.
I'd love you when you're happy and also when you're sad,
I'd be there always for you - through times good and bad,
For I am your great grandmother and I love you.

I'd guide you through your early years, teach you right from wrong,
I'd nurse you when you're ill and comfort you with a song.

There are so many things I would want to share with you,
Easter egg hunt, Christmas and birthdays to mention but a few.
For I am your great grandmother and I love you.

So I leave you this poem, written by great grand-dad, but for me,
It reflects my love and pleasure for the new leaf on our tree.

Enjoy your life my darling and always try your best,
Be fair in all the things you do and you'll be truly blessed.
For I am your great grandmother and I love you.

ago to be near their family. That long and happy marriage produced two children and three grandchildren. Ella Rhian is their first great-grandchild.

When Alzheimer's started to take hold of Betty, she and Brian were grateful to spend time with a support group that meets in Bethel Church.

Sadly, her condition deteriorated, and she

now lives in Milsom House nursing home.

Brian said: "My wife's full name is Doris Elizabeth Frances, but to the family she has always been Betty. In Milsom House, everyone knows her as Doris, because there were two Bettys there already."

He said that he started writing poems in the last 10 years, and that the "easiest" to write were those when he was

trying to express an emotion.

Brian said: "Betty loved children, and I started to think about how much Ella Rhian would have meant to her, and how much she would have looked forward to seeing her and holding her."

"When I decided to put it in a poem, it came out in a rush. I think it took only 10 minutes to get it down on paper."

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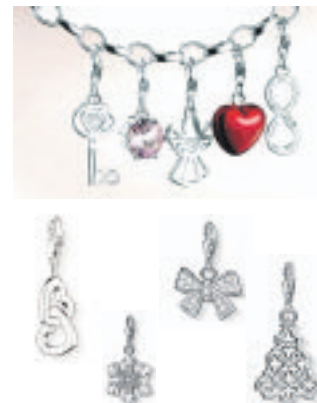
"It raised nearly £900, which will allow the group to maintain this valuable service to the breastfeeding mummies of the Vale for the next financial year," a spokesperson said.

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A traditional Bengali fish curry. Tilapia fish cooked in a light medium sauce.	
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King prawns cooked in a tomato-onion sauce with bell peppers and fresh green chillies.	

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Lamb tikka cooked in creamy, tomato and fenugreek sauce.	
£6.50	Lamb Pasanda (M)
Thinly sliced lamb braised in a yogurt and coconut flavoured cream sauce.	
£6.50	Lamb Jalfrezi
Traditional Bengali style, grilled lamb cooked in a hot sauce with onions, green chillies and roasted peppers.	

VEGETARIAN

£5.00	Milloni Sabzi Handi (V) (M)
Seasonal vegetables and paneer cooked with herbs & spices.	
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Mixed vegetables and Indian cheese cooked with chillies and fresh spices.	
£5.00	Paneer Tikka Masala (V) (M)
Paneer tikka in a smooth creamy tomato sauce.	
£5.00	Paneer Pasanda (V) (M)
Paneer tikka in a smooth creamy tomato sauce.	
£5.00	Sabzi Masala (V) (M)
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SIDE DISHS

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£1.95	Lachcha Paratha (G)

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£1.95	(G) (M) (E) (SE)
£1.50	Tandoori Roti (G)

ACCOMPANIMENTS

£0.55	Papadom
£0.60	Onion Salad
£0.60	Mint Yogurt (M)
£1.75	Cucumber Raitha (M)
£0.60	Spicy Papadom
£0.65	Mango Chutney
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£2.00	Mixed Salad

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SCOUTS GO UNDERGROUND – THEN TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO CHRISTMAS DELIVERY !



THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group is always busy in the lead-up to Christmas, with Beavers tying knots, playing golf and celebrating all things Scottish!

Cubs enjoyed a chilly day at Big Pit. Part of their 100-year celebrations was to go underground, even though some were more apprehensive than others!

As they arrived at Blaenavon, they were greeted with snow-topped mountains and enough snow on the ground to enjoy a little snowball fight, an added extra to the day that they had not been expecting.

They returned to the Scout hall for their Christmas sleepover, made decorations to brighten the hall for Christmas, enjoyed sausage and chips and watched a couple of DVDs before they finally all fell asleep around 12.30am.

Christmas does not stop there, though. The groups are now practising to take part in the Lifeguard

NSPCC concert at the community centre on December 18, and do not forget the Christmas post!

The last posting day was December 7, and the group have been very busy sorting the cards at the Scout hall from 6pm each night.

If you feel you can lend a hand, they would love to see you!

If you want to know more, or would like to get involved with the group, contact the Group Scout Leader on Gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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1st Penmark with Porthkerry Cubs visited the Big Pit recently.



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Spectrum Singers film promotional trailer



Penarth's Spectrum Singers are pictured at Dyffryn House & Gardens.

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The National Trust chose to film the Penarth-based chamber choir in the Great Hall to promote a series of carol concerts being hosted at Dyffryn Gardens on Friday evenings in the run up to Christmas.

Tickets for Spectrum Singers Carol Concert at Dyffryn Gardens on Friday, December 18 cost £15 each, including a glass of bubbly and are available on 02920 593328.

Senior citizens' talks in Barry

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group in Barry, held their November meeting at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, where over 50 members enjoyed a planning for the future talk and presentation, organised by Age Connects Cardiff and Vale and Hafod Housing.

Duncan Kennedy, from Hughes Solicitors,

gave a talk on Wills and power of attorney; Chris Bates, from Cooperative Wealth, gave information on finance and equity followed by Phil Batchelor on scam awareness. Lynne Jakeway from Snowdrops Independent Living, and Wiltshire Farm Foods were also there to chat to.

Gay Fifield, coordinator of the group, gave a vote of thanks.

Forum hears of life in showbiz

THE speaker at last week's meeting of the Barry Men's Forum was Mr Johnny Tudor, who recounted his life as a singer in show business.

He was born into a showbusiness family – his mother a singer and his father a pianist.

His first break came when he entered a TV show 'Opportunity Knocks' hosted by Hughie Green, which he won in 1959. He looked just like Frankie Vaughan, with his dark hair and sideburns.

He became very friendly with Dorothy Squires, due to his father supporting her as a young Welsh girl breaking into singing,

and he always stayed at her 44-room mansion when in London.

In 1968, he represented 'England' which he complained was not called UK, in the European singing contest held in Belgium. The three UK singers won the competition, although it was reported as a bit of a disaster with the orchestra going on strike, the television coverage being blacked out, and a fracas between some of the competitors, ending in 'fisticuffs'!

His stories of working with numerous famous showbusiness stars, from Monte Carlo to the Palladium, and from Australia to South Africa, was very interesting, with all the stars being well known names to the

members of the forum.

He is remembered locally for his pantomime performances with Stan Stennett, but more recently in the 'Gavin and Stacey' comedy series, where he played the Marcos Café owner.

New members are welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments (10.15am to noon). The Barry Men's Forum meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall every Thursday morning.

On Thursday, December 17, Philip Bennion will be showing another of his enchanting films of cycling from Verona to Salzburg.

For further information, telephone 02920 594881.

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'Funding crisis threatens care homes in Vale'

CARE homes and domiciliary care companies in the Vale of Glamorgan are threatened with closure –



ABOVE:
Mario Kreft, chair of
Care Forum Wales.

because of a looming funding crisis, it has been claimed.

The planned introduction of the living wage in the social care sector will have "catastrophic" consequences unless more money is found to pay for the spiralling costs of care.

The Five Nations Care Forum, which represents the sector in the home nations and the Republic of Ireland, is so worried it has written to Chancellor George Osborne warning him it could push many care and nursing homes and domiciliary care companies over the financial edge.

According to the Five Nations, the social care workforce deserve

to be better rewarded but nobody has worked out how it's going to be paid for.

They say the fact that more and more people are living longer is putting huge pressure on the social care sector – to the point where it is becoming "unsustainable and financially unstable."

People working in social care are due to start receiving the living wage, set at £7.20 an hour, from next April.

Mario Kreft, chair of Care Forum Wales and a founder member of the Five Nations, was also concerned about the impact on the older and disabled people who use care services.

Mr Kreft said: "We call on Government and the devolved Ministers to ensure that care services are adequately

funded now and in the future.

"It is right that care workers should be well rewarded for the important work they do. However this is unrealistic for publicly funded care providers given current prices paid by commissioning bodies for care."

"It has been estimated that the cost of funding the National Living Wage in the care sector in the UK will be in excess of £2.3 billion by 2020.

"It is vital, therefore, the Chancellor addresses the growing deficit in the social care sector and that funding is provided to ensure the devolved departments with care commissioning responsibilities have adequate funds to meet the care and support

needs of the population.

"We are concerned that the rising costs of delivering care, if they are not met with an adequate increase in funding, will have catastrophic implications for the sector as a whole and will have consequences for the statutory health sector in the form of delayed discharges and increasing demographic pressures.

"Diminished capacity in the social care sector and the increasing risk of provider failure – apart from having a serious negative effect on citizens – will impact greatly on the efficiency of the health sector.

"We estimate that over the financial year 2013/14 the statutory health sector in the UK spent well in excess of £1.05 billion on delayed

discharges.

"If this situation is not resolved as a matter of urgency, we are concerned that the growing pressures on

the health sector over the winter months will result in a serious crisis in the sector. This will impact most acutely on people with health and

care needs.

"It is therefore vitally important that the Chancellor addresses this looming crisis as a matter of urgency."

Super Ambassadors to mark Children's Day

YOUNG people from the Vale Youth Service Rights Ambassadors project co-hosted a 'Super Ambassadors' training event for Vale pupils with the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Professor Sally Holland, recently, to mark Universal Children's Day.

The Super Ambassadors Scheme, to which all primary schools in Wales can sign-up, enables pupils to become the commissioner's ambassadors within their schools and fulfil three missions every term.

Held at the YMCA in Barry, the

event supported the children's Super Ambassador training by giving them the opportunity to take part in workshops, led by the Rights Ambassadors, on how their rights impact everyday life. The day was hailed a "great success", with both children and teachers saying they found it very beneficial.

Rights Ambassador Daniel Marshall, who was recently elected Youth Mayor for the Vale, said the event was "a superb showcase of how important children's rights are in the Vale of Glamorgan."

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Barry RFC starts its own lottery to help junior rugby

Barry RFC is launching its own lottery, starting on January 9.

It will give everyone who buys a £1 ticket the opportunity to win a weekly cash prize – starting with the first draw the prize fund will be £1,000. 50 per cent of tickets sold will go towards the prize fund and 50 per cent will go to the club. In the event of no-one matching the winning numbers it will roll over to the following week. The lottery will continue through the year, not just the rugby season.

To enter simply purchase a ticket, select four numbers between 1 and 24, add your name, telephone number and the date of the draw you wish to enter. Tickets cost £1 each and will be available from members of the committee, coaches and management, the players and from behind the bar at the clubhouse in Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry.

The draw will take place every

Saturday in the club house at 6pm, and all proceeds of the lottery will go directly to Barry RFC to support the running of the club and to support all the sections from the mini and junior sections to the senior levels.

A club spokesman said: "We are fortunate to have support from local businesses such as LDS Motor Factors, Ewemove Estate Agents and former player Julian Davies' company from London, Sears Davies Ltd, and also former players who pay a monthly patronage fee.

However it is increasingly difficult to continue to support the club financially and we see this as a positive step forward to help finance the many facets of managing the club.

Supporters of this lottery will not only have the opportunity to purchase their ticket weekly, but the facility to take out a monthly standing order or to give a one-off cheque for £52 to cover the whole year.

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Over the last few weeks, children have been bringing in shoeboxes from home, lovingly filled with toys and treats for Operation Christmas Child. On collection day, as in previous years, the children formed a human chain and passed each shoebox from child to child until they were all safely loaded into the collection van. The whole school clapped, cheered and sang as the boxes were counted onto the van by teacher and organiser Sarah Creasey.

The school managed to collect an impressive 184 boxes which will now bring joy to 184 children in other parts of the world. "As always we are so grateful for the support and generosity of our Gladstone families. Our aim was to beat last year's total and we did this with style! Thank you to all who donated" – Mrs Creasey.

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Santa strains to see his flight path due to the busy skies.



Santa arrives at Cardiff Airport in Rhoose for urgent talks with air traffic controllers.



A telling-off at security for trying to sneak through a sharp object – one of the elves' hammers!



Santa meets Daryl Rowlands, general manager at NAT's air traffic control and Debra Barber, managing director at Cardiff Airport, to negotiate a no-flight zone to clear the skies in time for Christmas Eve.



SANTA CLAUS has had high level all-day talks at Cardiff Airport to plan his route over the busy skies in Wales, to ensure local children receive their gifts on time for Christmas morning.

With increased flights arriving and departing at Rhoose, Santa met Debra Barber, managing director at the airport, and also visited the air traffic control tower to coordinate his route.

He arrived at Cardiff Airport in his sleigh before going through security and setting off the alarm with his belt.

Santa said: "The elves and I work very hard in the lead-up to Christmas to ensure children will get their presents and I'd heard about all these new routes at Cardiff Airport, so I needed to make sure Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer would be able to guide my sleigh safely on Christmas Eve.

"I met the staff at Cardiff Airport to talk about the traffic expected on my flight path and they were very accommodating.

"They even had a mince pie and a glass of milk waiting for me and some carrots for the reindeer!

"We're currently working on a plan for a no-fly zone on Christmas Eve. After all, I've never been late for a Christmas delivery and I don't intend to start now!"

The airport chief reported: "We held a very long meeting with Santa this week to talk about the exciting new developments at Cardiff Airport this year.

"With 14 new Flybe routes, daily flights to Amsterdam with KLM, Vueling routes to Spain not to mention Ryanair and Thomson flights to the warmer climes of the Canaries, there will be lots more flights and busier skies. We knew these may cause him some tricky problems on Christmas Eve.

"Thankfully we have come up with the perfect solution meaning his Christmas route will run to time. He even had time to meet some local children from St Nicholas Church in Wales primary school and some of the staff's children, too."



ABOVE: Debra Barber says goodbye to Santa and reassures him that presents will be delivered on time to children across Wales. BELOW: Staff in the radar room show Santa the area which will be a dedicated no-flight zone on Christmas Eve.



ABOVE: Santa looks out from Cardiff Airport's air traffic control tower to observe his flight path in preparation for Christmas Eve.



RIGHT: Even Santa has to remove his boots to get through security.

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TOP, left: Judith Anderson, Coun John Fanshaw and Pam Gay advertising Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern events.

THE St Peter's Church Choir is 'on tour' for the first time this Christmas, and will perform at the Christmas coffee morning on December 16 in Murchfield Community Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys, 10.30am until 12.30pm. There is no charge.

Coun John Fanshaw chair of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern said he was delighted that the choir was available to entertain everyone to the event, which includes stalls, cakes, raffle and carol singing.

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A VOLUNTEER-LED homework club based in Rhose, Solid Foundation, meets every week at the community centre.

Solid Foundation has become so successful over the last year and exists because people of all ages volunteer their time to support the learning of children and young people in the area.

Earlier this year, they applied to Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) youth-led 'Dish Out

Dosh' grants panel and received a grant to purchase specialised teaching resources, and a trophy to recognise the achievement of youth volunteers.

On November 24, Solid Foundation held its AGM and awards event. The GVS 'Dish Out Dosh' panel were invited to this exciting event to present the GVS 'Dish Out Dosh' Young Volunteer award.

Nichole and Sion, two of the panel members said: "It's important to recognise the hard work so many young people put

into volunteering. We were delighted to present the award to Megan Harris and Natasha Lynch for their commitment shown to volunteering and inspiring others to volunteer."

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Newspaper industry celebrates Sir Ray Tindle's 'long and distinguished career'

NEWS Media Association chairman Ashley Highfield has spoken of the remarkable achievements of Sir Ray Tindle at a lunch celebrating the publisher's 90th birthday.

At a lunch in the Savoy, London, attended by national and local press publishers to mark the occasion of Sir Tindle's 90th birthday next year, Mr Highfield recounted some highlights of Sir Ray's 68-year career in local newspapers and his longstanding involvement with the Newspaper Society, now the NMA (News Media Association).

Mr Highfield said: "You have served our association actively for more than 55 years, holding every office – from president of the Newspaper Society, and honorary treasurer, to councillor and chairman of virtually every committee

the members ever invented.

"On top of your many achievements and successes – your OBE in 1973, your CBE in 1987, and being knighted in 1994, it is little known that one of your own personal highlights happened very early in your career."

Sir Ray launched his first newspaper aboard a troopship at sea during the Second World War and started his publishing company using his army demob payment of £300.

Speaking at the lunch, Sir Ray launched a passionate defence of local weekly newspapers. He said: "The newspaper industry should be very proud that for over 200 years we have coped with each problem as it came along.

"To face the current difficulty we'll achieve more local advertisement revenue and we'll redesign our businesses in order to ensure that local papers can live out of that new level of

revenue, whatever it is. Local papers are wanted and needed by local communities. They will live for ever.

"I got a job on a local weekly and I wouldn't change one day of a wonderful 68 years in the local press. The locals will survive because no other medium gives local news in depth the way local papers do, and local people want this detail.

"Local papers are the only medium most locals will ever appear in, and when they do, that's the medium in which all their neighbours and friends will see it, so local papers will always be there."

Over course of his career, Sir Ray has held numerous roles within the news media industry. He was a founder member of Capital Radio and a member of the Guardian Media Group board for nearly 20 years.

Sir Ray launched the Weekly Newspaper Advertising Bureau and has

been Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

He also served on the Newspaper Panel of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and was a member of the Commonwealth Press Union council, as well as being a founder director of PressBoF.

Mr Highfield said: "Never before in the history of the British press has there been a publisher quite like you. We salute you, Ray, for your three years of wartime service. We applaud your 68-year career and over 55 years of wise counsel to the NMA and the NS before it.

"We thank you for the marvellous lunch we are enjoying today. And we wish you continued success, prosperity and good health throughout your 90th year and beyond."



Sir Ray Tindle's lunch at the Savoy in London was held following the NMA's half-yearly meeting.

New law to increase Welsh donor rates comes into force

WALES last week became the first country in the UK to introduce a revolutionary new system to increase the number of organ donors.

It moves to a 'soft opt-out' system where people aged 18 and over who have lived in Wales for more than 12 months and who die in Wales will be regarded as having consented to organ donation unless they have opted out. This is called 'deemed consent'.

People who want to be an organ donor can register a decision to opt in or do nothing, which will mean they have no objection to being an organ donor. Those people who do not want to be organ donor can opt out at any time.

The change to the organ donation law came into force on December 1 and it is estimated could lead to a 25 per cent increase in the number of organ donors.

The latest figures show 14 people in Wales died while waiting for a transplant in 2014-15. There are currently 224 people on the Welsh transplant waiting list, including eight children, compared with 209 at the end of March 2014.

Christmas comes early for rugby fans – thanks to Oil 4 Wales

INDEPENDENT oil distribution company, Oil 4 Wales, recently held a community event for rugby fans as an early Christmas present.

The family-run business which puts the community at the heart of its operation hosted a special 'meet and greet' session with rugby stars in Brecon.

The company's brand ambassadors kicking legend Dan Biggar, 'the Chopper' Dan Lydiate, hooker Ken Owens and former Welsh international Scott Quinnell, were on hand to sign autographs and pose for photos with local residents.

This is the latest community event to be hosted by Oil 4 Wales, which has this year seen the company host rugby meet and greets



in Maesteg, Blaenau Ffestiniog and Milford Haven.

With more planned for 2016, Oil 4 Wales would love to hear from local groups who wish to treat their community to a special rugby event.

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Ruth Owen, director of general personal tax at HMRC, said: "Marriage Allowance means couples up and down the country can get a bit of extra support at a time of year when we all need a little more cash.

"Whether you use it to buy presents for the family or put it away for a rainy day Marriage Allowance means saving £212 on your tax bill every year.

"People can apply at any point in the tax year and still receive the full benefit of the allowance."

'Glamorgan GEM' is still glittering!

THE GEM was mentioned in dispatches on Sunday (December 6) in media columnist Peter Preston's weekly column in *The Observer*.

Mr Preston, a former Editor of *The Guardian*, reported on Sir Ray Tindle's 90th birthday dinner (see article above) and noted admiringly that a number of Tindle group newspapers were up on last year's figures, having increased local advertising to compensate for the much-reported lower national advertising spend.

He noted that The Glamorgan GEM was up by £23,000; the Leigh Times was up £3,500 by week 51, and the Biggin Hill News up by £5,000.

Mr Preston concluded: "Absolutely archetypal Tindle, all is well with the world if The Glamorgan GEM is still glittering".

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People's Postcode Lottery tries to fill in missing links

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This funding sustains the charity's free, confidential and 24-hour helpline.

The latest statistics from the UK Missing Persons Bureau show 6,204 missing incidents reported to South Wales Police each year.

Cardiff resident Mansel Jones, who attended the event in Pontyclun on Saturday, said: "My cousin, Ross Evans from Aberdare, went missing from his hall of residence at the University of Bristol 50 years ago this month (November 2, 1965).

"He was a medical student seemingly happy and coping with his work. His family have never heard from him since and there's been no clue as to his disappearance.

"Had there been an organisation like Missing People at the time, I'm sure my relatives would have had greater support in their deep anxiety and, possibly, some answers.

"The charity Missing People is a lifeline when someone disappears – the kind of lifeline Ross's parents, brother and sister, and other family members could have done with back in the 60s and in the years that followed. It's a wonderful, much-needed charity and deserves our support."

Missing People chief executive Jo Youle said: "We can't thank players of People's Postcode Lottery enough for their continued support, helping us be a lifeline to missing people and their families in Wales and the rest of the UK. They make a vital contribution to our cause and we are thrilled when they win life-changing sums of money."

For more information about Missing People, visit their website: www.missingpeople.org.uk.



A recent People's Postcode Lottery draw took place in Pontyclun.

Britain's bombing campaign in Syria is now under way

ONE of the oldest clichés in British life is 'a week is a long time in politics' and that saying has proved particularly true in the last few days as Britain chose to bomb Islamic State in Syria.

As The GEM was going to press last week, MPs were debating whether to take further military action in the region or not (the RAF had already been active in the skies above Iraq).

Following a tumultuous debate, 397 MPs backed the motion, with 223 against.

Those in favour had argued that ISIL presented an "unprecedented threat".

Within hours of the vote, the RAF were attacking selected targets including an oil refinery.

Local MPs Alun Cairns (Vale of Glamorgan) and Stephen Doughty (Cardiff South and Penarth) backed the bombing campaign. Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore) and Madeleine Moon (Bridgend) voted against.

Coun Kevin Mahoney, who stood for UKIP in the Vale this year, told The GEM that he opposed action in Syria.

He explained: "Whilst it has never made any military sense to attack an opponent in one area and then to stop at an arbitrary border, my greatest fear, and one that I am sure is shared by many members of the public, is that we have a bunch of politicians who really have no end game strategy, and in truth, no real idea which side they will be bombing and why.

"Apart from those linked with the Paris atrocity, David Cameron seems to have no idea of the merits or otherwise of any of the numerous factions fighting against each other in Syria, who all seem as bad as each other to the British public.

"His assertion that there are 70,000 so called 'moderates' waiting to rise up, and they need support, has been exposed and is as badly flawed as Tony Blair's statements over Iraq."

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who was the party's candidate in the general election, said he feared that bombing would make things worse.

"If I had been elected as MP last May, then I would have voted against bombing Syria.

"We all know that ISIS are evil, with a twisted ideology, but bombing without a well thought through plan for peace, risks worsening the situation further.

"Two years ago, MPs were being asked to bomb the other side in the Syrian conflict – people who we

would now expect to gain control of the country if ISIS are defeated.

"What is needed is for the major powers in the region to act together – for Turkey to stop bombing the Kurds, and to close their borders with ISIS to stop them selling their oil; and for Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states to stop funding and arming ISIS as part of their regional and religious power-play.

"As we've seen from previous military failures in the Middle East, 'doing something' shouldn't mean bombing – it should mean securing a lasting peace."

HOW WELSH MPS VOTED

For the motion (military action):

Chris Bryant (Labour, Rhondda); Wayne David (Labour, Caerphilly); Stephen Doughty (Labour, Cardiff South and Penarth); Susan Elan Jones (Labour, Clwyd South); Guto Bebb (Conservative, Aberconwy); Alun Cairns (Conservative, Vale of Glamorgan); Stephen Crabb (Conservative, Preseli Pembrokeshire); Byron Davies (Conservative, Gower); Chris Davies (Conservative, Brecon and Radnorshire); David Davies (Conservative, Monmouth); Glyn Davies (Conservative, Montgomeryshire); James Davies (Conservative, Vale of Clwyd); Simon Hart (Conservative, Carmarthen West and Pembrokeshire South); David Jones (Conservative, Clwyd West); Craig Williams (Conservative, Cardiff North)

Against the motion:

Kevin Brennan (Labour, Cardiff West); Geraint Davies (Labour, Swansea West); Chris Evans (Labour, Islwyn); Paul Flynn (Labour, Newport West); Nia Griffith (Labour, Llanelli); David Hanson (Labour, Delyn); Carolyn Harris (Labour, Swansea East); Huw Irranca-Davies (Labour, Ogmore); Gerald Jones (Labour, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney); Stephen Kinnock (Labour, Aberavon); Ian Lucas (Labour, Wrexham); Madeleine Moon (Labour, Bridgend); Jessica Morden (Labour, Newport East); Albert Owen (Labour, Ynys Mon); Christina Rees (Labour, Neath); Nick Smith (Labour, Blaenau Gwent); Owen Smith (Labour, Pontypridd); Jo Stevens (Labour, Cardiff Central); Mark Tami (Labour, Alyn and Deeside); Nick Thomas-Symonds (Labour, Torfaen); Liz Saville Roberts (Plaid Cymru, Dwyfor Meirionnydd); Jonathan Edwards (Plaid Cymru, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr); Hywel Williams (Plaid Cymru, Arfon); Mark Williams (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)

NB. Cynon Valley MP Ann Clwyd was unwell and unable to vote.

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Budget will boost NHS by £300 million as Welsh Government invests for the future

SINCE the Chancellor's Spending Review announcements on November 25, we have been working flat out to prepare a Draft Budget for the Welsh Government, which I presented to the Senedd on Tuesday, December 8.

Normally, by this time of the year, we would be debating a final Budget for the next financial year (2016/17) but the late Spending Review and Autumn Statement has left us preparing a number of possible financial scenarios for the next Welsh Government Budget, since the UK Government's Summer Budget in July.

The key announcement in my Draft Budget this week is an investment of nearly £300m additional finance for the Welsh NHS in 2016/17. This is at the heart of a Welsh Government Budget for a 'Fairer, Better Wales – Investing for the future'.

Despite a challenging financial settlement which has seen the Welsh Budget cut in real terms over the past five years, we are protecting a whole range of services next year including health, social services, schools and further education, as a result of the consultations we have undertaken and a clear commitment to funding our 'priorities' in public spending.

We are continuing to embrace a wider approach to our investment in health in Wales so the additional spend includes:

£200m to support core NHS services – hospitals and primary care; an extra £30m for health services for older people and for mental health services; a capital boost of

£33.5m for new equipment, infrastructure and maintenance of NHS buildings; protection of our funding for public health services; and an increase in the Intermediate Care Fund from £20m to £50m, which enables the health service and social services to work together to support older and vulnerable people, by maintaining their independence at home, preventing hospital admission and helping early discharge with support at home.

This is already delivering great results in every part of Wales, including the Vale.

We know that local government is under huge pressure to deliver local services particularly for those at the 'sharp end of need', so we will provide an additional £21m to their social services budgets through the Local Government Revenue Support Grant.

School funding will continue to grow by one per cent more than changes to the Welsh Budget overall – almost £40m extra for next year and nearly £35m of this will support frontline school spending by local authorities.

This additional investment in schools and social services gives an important boost to local government in these tough times and once again our local authorities in Wales will have a more favourable financial settlement than in England.

We believe that young people are a major priority as they progress from school to further and higher education and we will protect further education from cuts in this Budget for next year, with a further £5m to create an additional 2,500 apprenticeships. An additional £10m will ensure that no Welsh student at university will have to pay more for their degree than if they had been students in 2010/11.

With the additional capital funding for health, the Draft Budget for next year will also set out plans for over £230m new investment to support the economy and public services including transport schemes, housing, schools and flood defences.

It has been a challenging settlement, with a further 3.6 per cent real terms cut in our Budget over the next five years – after five successive years of cuts by the UK Government.

We have taken difficult decisions in preparing the Budget I presented this week but we have done all we can to stick to our principles and priorities and protect the services that matter most to the people of Wales.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance)

AM's SURGERY

Vale AM Jane Hutt will be at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, December 15 from 10am to 11.30am.

No appointment is needed; contact 01446/ 32385 for further information.

Miss Wales finalist is supporting local children's charities



Tonicha with volunteers at the Noah's Ark appeal.

by GEM REPORTER

WENVOE'S Miss Wales finalist Tonicha Harlow has been encouraging the local community to get involved in supporting children's causes.

Tonicha, aged 17, explained: "During my Miss Wales Finalist journey, I have been fundraising for the Beauty with a Purpose Charity which helps vulnerable children within Wales.

"However, I also came across the Noah's Ark Christmas Stocking Appeal in Cardiff and when I read about the fantastic care and support the doctors, nurses and staff provide to vulnerable children and their families, I wanted to help as much as possible to raise awareness of this cause.

"I requested help on my Facebook page and would like to thank local businesses and the community for its generosity in providing gifts.

"In particular, I'd like to thank Maplin of Leckwith, Barry Round Table, Harlow Beauty, Racecourse News and Leigh Hartnell.

"I visited Noah's Ark Hospital with Dave Beadle from the Barry Round Table on Friday, November 27 to take donations received towards their Christmas Stocking Appeal.

"I also volunteered to help wrap the donations on December 1 and was overwhelmed by the amount of volunteers who took time out from their usually activities on the day.

"The Noah's Ark Appeal relies on the generosity of the public and helps raise funds to provide the best equipment and environment for the seriously ill children and their families.

"If GEM readers would like to donate a raffle prize towards my fundraising for 'Beauty with a Purpose' or would like me to make an appearance at an event, then please contact me via: www.facebook.com/tharlowmisswales 2016."

If you wish to make a donation to Noah's Ark, go to www.noahsarkcharity.org.

Masons hosts Welsh bake-off in support of local causes

TAKE part in The Great Welsh Bake Off #TGWBO and donate to a fantastic local cause in the Vale.

Come on down to Masons Self Storage, on December 16 where your tasty baking creations will be judged then sold and all proceeds of the cake sale will go to the Sensory Bus Project and Positive Interactions.

The winner will win two-courses for two people of Dommatt's popular Sunday traditional carvery held at Brynhill Golf Club every Sunday.

If you'd like to take part in The Great Welsh Bake Off #TGWBO, drop us an email TGWBO@masonselfstorage.co.uk to register by Friday, December 11.

In relation to the cake sale, don't worry if you're not feeling up to taking on Mary Berry, there'll be plenty of cake needing a good home and a fantastic cause to donate to, so pop along and enjoy all of the scrummy cakes.

It's an event for all ages, you can get to see the bus itself and there will be Father Christmas making an appearance at 4.30pm!

If you're looking for an alternative to storing Christmas gifts at home, away from where your loved ones can track them down, or just have those bigger presents like bikes and electronic items that you don't have space for at home, then at Masons Self Storage, we have the perfect

by SARAH MASON

Christmas gift storage solution here in the Vale. 'Surprises in Store' lets you bring down your Christmas gifts and store them with us safely and securely all for just a donation to the fantastic Sensory Bus Project. Plus, this will give you the perfect secret hideaway to get them all wrapped up and under the tree by Christmas Eve!

At Masons Self Storage, we feel the Sensory Bus Project is a fantastic initiative that could really help children in the Vale and further afield in south Wales. The idea is to create a calm environment where people with learning disabilities and their families can come and relax.

However, there is still a little way to go to help Positive Interaction reach its goal of getting the bus on the road.

Remember, if you'd like to take part in #TGWBO, have any questions about the Cake Sale, email us at: TGWBO@masonselfstorage.co.uk

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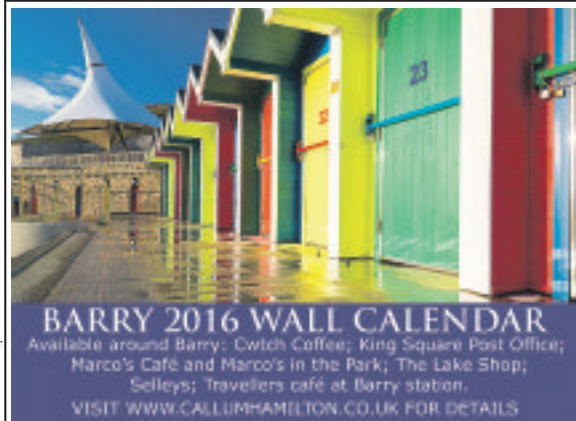
Welsh rugby star opens supermarket



A LOCAL family was joined by Welsh rugby star Rhys Webb to formally open a new shop on Thompson Street in Barry.

Vale MP Alun Cairns was invited to the proceedings at the opening of the latest Filco store to join the other shops in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge. The rugby star signed autographs and posed for photographs at the packed store last week.

Mr Cairns said: "The opening of such a large store by Rhys Webb in Barry is a real boost for the area. It is great to see a local company continuing to invest in the Vale of Glamorgan."



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Young harpists set for concert

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LOTTERY WINNING POSTIE'S CHRISTMAS CHEER!



ABOVE: Barry Postman Matthew Evans delivering festive treats to Ty Enfys Family Centre, Llanelli.

MATTHEW EVANS, the Lottery-winning postman from Barry, has helped a Llanelli charity get the festive season under way with a visit to Ty Enfys Family Centre, where he delivered gifts and helped spread Christmas cheer.

Seven winners from across south Wales, with a combined fortune of over £8 million, pulled on their festive knits to visit the centre.

Matthew Evans from Barry joined Lyn Sexton and Ian Pearce from Merthyr, Meredith Davies from Llandeilo, Nigel Willets from Caerphilly and Barry and Yvonne Bradley from Llanelli, arriving at the centre laden down with treats for the volunteers and families.

Ty Enfys Family Centre in Llanelli received a £5,000 grant from the Big Lottery fund in September 2014 to fund a playhouse and a sand pit. This helps the centre provide outdoor active play and family fun sessions for families in the local area, which encourage exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

Matthew Evans, who won £2.6m in July, said: "It is great to be able to visit Welsh charities who are doing such wonderful work to support their community. Christmas is such a special time and it means so much to be able to give something back."

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A NUMBER of talented young people made up a group of harpists – all students at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who were runners-up in the ensemble section at the recent Music in the Vale competition in Penarth.

They will now be invited to perform in a concert featuring the finalists to be held in All Saints' Church, Penarth, on January 24. Tickets available from S Taylor on 01446 781453.

Vale auctioneer helps charity to raise £40,000

HERBERT R THOMAS (HRT) estate agents recently conducted an auction that raised more than £40,000 for Restart Africa.

Andrew Thomas, director at HRT, and a qualified auctioneer, was the main auctioneer at the event, which took place in London, where over 200 people attended.

The chairman of the Rugby Football Union and former-England Rugby Union team captain, Bill Beaumont, was guest speaker at the event.

Restart Africa aims to provide a home, education, care and counselling to homeless

children in Kenya, and looks after more than 100 children in a new orphanage which was opened in 2014 by the charity's founder Mary Coulson.

Mr Thomas said: "The Restart Africa charity auction was a fantastic event and it was incredible that we raised a staggering £40,000 for such a worthy charity."

"All guests were extremely generous and I'm sure the money raised will make a huge difference to the charity."

"I'm delighted that I was asked to be the auctioneer at the event as supporting charities is something that is very important to us all at HRT."

Alex Gooch who co-organised the event with Andrew Locke, said: "We couldn't have asked for a better auction and we were over the moon with everyone's generosity."

"We'd also like to thank Andrew Thomas for conducting the auction."

"His 30 years of experience as a qualified auctioneer really did show and it was one of the best auctions we've ever had."

HRT supports many charities by sponsoring events such as Mair's Walk in Bridgend, which raises money for Velindre, and by hosting Macmillan coffee mornings.



ABOVE: Andrew Thomas of HRT, Bill Beaumont and Richard Waring.



THIS GLORIOUS VIEW OF THE KNAP GARDENS IS CALLUM HAMILTON'S AUGUST SELECTION.

Photographer captures ever changing scenes in Barry and on the Island

BARRY photographer Callum Hamilton began taking images by pure chance and now immortalises both the town and the Island in his calendars.

Callum explained: "I long held an interest in photography before coming to Barry, but it was something of a fluke that led to me doing prints and greetings cards of the local area, and in turn led me to do the calendar.

"I happened to be walking past the newly opened C-Break Cafe at the Knap Gardens when I noticed that the walls were bare and that I recognised the owners – they were the people from whom we had just the bought our house.

"That coincidence encouraged me to pop in and ask if they'd be interested in having some local photos on the walls. They asked to see some samples, liked what they saw and things progressed from there."

Callum was born and brought up in the London

Borough of Bromley and first came to Wales in the 1980s.

He said: "I returned in 2000 to live in Barry and have been here ever since."

Although it is his fourth calendar, Callum always finds something new.

"One of the challenges is coming up with new perspectives of a familiar subject. I have been helped by the developments at Whitmore Bay which I think are most welcome and they appear in images for three months of the year as well as on the cover.

"I still enjoy photographing Barry throughout the year because it really does have some lovely places."

The calendar is available at Cwtch Coffee, 94 High Street; King Square Post Office, 160 Holton Road; The Lake Shop by The Knap Gardens; Marco's; Selleys, 4 Park Crescent and Travellers in Mind at Barry Station. For more information, go to www.callumhamilton.co.uk.

Blanchett and Mara shine in Haynes' Carol

PATRICIA HIGHSMITH'S books have found their way to the big screen predominantly through the Ripley series; however, a novel she wrote in 1952 under a pseudonym, *The Price Of Salt*, is the latest of her works to reach cinema screens, renamed *Carol*.

It stars Cate Blanchett as the titular character, a married woman who meets a shop assistant named Therese (Rooney Mara) while out shopping; a chain of events sees them bump into one another again, and their meeting brings feelings and emotions to the surface as the pair slowly fall for each other...

The story of *Carol* is one that is suited to director Todd Haynes, who found a great deal of success in his Douglas Sirk-inflected *Far From Heaven* in 2004; that film dealt with a wife in the suburbs in the 1950s wrestling with her attraction to her black gardener, while dealing with her husband's homosexuality, not too far away from the story being told here.

In *Carol*, we are thrown headlong into a love affair that, given the time it is set, was forbidden in the extreme. Yet, however 'wrong' it may be there is no escaping the power and pull of love and bond these characters make, and Haynes and his cast execute it perfectly, the film aching with a sense of longing and secrecy.

There are few actresses plying their trade today who ooze 1950s glamour quite like Cate Blanchett, yet this is only one of many reasons to cast her in such a strong role.

In her hands the character of Carol shifts and stretches, the push and pull of the demands of the life she has and the life she wants wholly evident throughout.

In lesser hands, it could be played either too

carefree or too flinty; with Blanchett, it slips between the two, yet never losing your sympathy, a woman doing what she can in testing circumstances.

Opposite her, Rooney Mara is truly exceptional. Her character of Therese is very much the focal point of the story as it is told from her point of view, and Mara handles the weight of this with aplomb.

Her character develops the most as the story unfolds, and is the one most affected by the development of her fledgling relationship with Carol, and she makes Therese a strong woman, caught up in the maelstrom of events.

While the relationship is key, the fall-out is also keenly felt, whether it's Carol's husband (the excellent Kyle Chandler) searching for answers as to his wife's behaviour, or Therese's boyfriend struggling to comprehend why she's willing to leave it all behind to go on a road trip with a woman she knows little of.

All facets of the story are well-served, nuanced and feel vital, most keenly Carol's familial set-up as her young daughter struggles to comprehend just why her parents are no longer together.

Haynes' direction is measured and assured, a classy visual feel presenting the time but never losing sight of what's driving the story; it's less an exercise in nostalgia and more a snapshot of a time that seems unreal nearly 60 years later.

That *Carol* still delivers emotional impact, and lingers afterwards, is a testament to all involved.

VERDICT: A classy and assured piece of filmmaking, *Carol* is driven by two powerhouse performances from Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara. A story of love and longing, it pulls you in and never lets you go in what is an immensely impressive effort from director Todd Haynes. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Brief Encounter* (1945), *Brokeback Mountain* (2005).



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A FAREWELL MESSAGE

from Dr Dylan Jones

Annwyl oll

YR wyf yn ddiolchgar i'r Gem am y cyfle hwn i ddiolch i rieni, staff, cydweithwyr a chyfeillion Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg am eu cefnogaeth ac arweiniad yn ystod y 16 mlynedd diwethaf. Ym mis Ionawr byddaf yn ymgymryd â swydd Deon Addysg yn Mhrifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant ac wrth wneud hynny mi adawaf ysgol sydd wedi bod yn rhan fawr o fy ngwaith a bywyd personol.

Cefais fy mhenodi yn Bennaeth cyntaf yr ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd, fel y'i gelwid hi bryd hynny, ar ddiwedd y mileniwm diwethaf ac yn ystod y blynyddoedd a ddilynodd rydym wedi creu ysgol gyda'n gilydd sydd wedi bod yn lle arbennig i gymaint o bobl arbennig.

Roedd llawer o amheuwyr ar droad y ganrif, ond mae'r ysgol bellach yn cael ei chynabod fel canolfan ar gyfer datblygu dysgu ac addysgu a chefnogaeth ysgol i ysgol drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg ar gyfer holl Gonsortium Canolfan y De. Dros y 5 mlynedd nesaf bydd yn dyblu bron o ran maint oherwydd cymaint yw'r galw gan ddarpar rieni. Mae dysgbylion o bob cefndir a gallu yn haeddu'r addysg a chyfleoedd bywyd gorau posibl. O ganlyniad i ymrwymiad ein staff rydym wedi sefydlu ysgol sy'n rhoi ei holl yn ddi-gwestiwn er mwyn sicrhau bod hyn yn digwydd.

Yr ydym wedi cael ein cyfnodau cyfnewidiol ac yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf mae digwyddiadau trasig wedi herio cyfansoddiad ein teulu yn yr ysgol hyd yr eithaf, ond mae cryfder ein perthynas wedi sicrhau ein bod wedi dod drwy'r cyfnodau anodd gyda'n gwerthoedd a'n gwledigaeth yn gadarn yn eu lle. Arwyddair yr ysgol yw, "Dyrod law i mi ac fe awn i ben y mynydd," ac nid oes gennyf unrhyw amheuaeth y bydd cydweithwyr yn parhau i gynnig y llaw yma o gymorth i'n dysgbylion a rhieni wedi i mi adael.

Yr wyf yn credu'n gryf yn y wireb fod "Yr arweinwyr gorau yn cynabod nad nhw yw'r person mwyaf pwysig na'r person mwyaf deallus yn yr ystafell ar bob adeg" ac ni fyddai llwyddiant Bro Morgannwg wedi cael ei gyflawni heb ymrwymiad diflino unigolion o bob cwr o Fro Morgannwg. Diolch o galon i chi gyd.

Mae'r Fro yn lle arbennig ac mae ei phobl ifanc yn haeddu'r gorau.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb.
Dr Dylan E. Jones.

Dear all,

I AM grateful to The GEM for this opportunity to thank parents, staff, colleagues and friends of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg for their support and guidance over the past 16 years.

In January, I shall be taking up the post of Dean of Education at the University of Wales Trinity St David, and in so doing I leave a school which has been such a large part of my working and personal life.

I was appointed the first headteacher of the new Welsh medium secondary school, as it was known then, at the end of the last millennium and in the ensuing years together we have created a school which has been a special place for so many special people.

There were many doubters at the turn of the century but the school is now recognised as a centre for the development of teaching and learning and school-to-school support work through the medium of Welsh for the whole of the central south Consortium.

Over the next five years it will almost double in size because of the demand from prospective parents. Pupils of all backgrounds and abilities deserve the best possible education and life chances.

As a result of the commitment of our staff, we have established a school which gives its all without question to ensure that this is the case.

We have had our ups and downs and in recent years tragic events have tested the fabric of our school family to the limit, but the strength of our relationships have ensured that we have come through these difficult times with our values and vision intact.

The school's motto is "Give me your hand and we shall go to the mountain top" and I have no doubt that colleagues will continue to offer this hand of support to our pupils and parents after I have left.

I believe firmly in the maxim that "the best leaders recognise that they are not always the most important nor the most intelligent person in the room at all times" and the success of Bro Morgannwg would not have been achieved without the indefatigable commitment of individuals from all over the Vale.

A heartfelt thanks to you all.

The Vale is a special place and its young people deserve the best.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb.
Dr Dylan E. Jones.

This year's 'Small Business Saturday' was best yet' – Vale MP



THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has described the third Small Business Saturday in the Vale as "the best yet".

He spoke to a number of retailers in Llantwit Major, Dinas Powys and Cowbridge to gather feedback on weekend trade.

Afterwards, he commented: "Many streets in our towns were

buzzing over the weekend, and campaigns like Small Business Saturday all serve to help boost our local high streets.

"I am fully supportive of any initiative that can boost the range of services on offer in our towns, and my feeling is that the third dedicated Saturday has proved successful for many areas."

'STOP these drivers!'

AS a resident at Lakin Drive I drive with fear every time I have to pass Liscombe Way, as the majority of drivers do not stop.

The council must do something quickly, before there is a fatality. We did mention this at the first meeting of the 'new' Neighbourhood Watch.

Please, please, Vale Council, do put up a 'STOP' notice!
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Charlotte achieves career ambition

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FULLY-QUALIFIED – and now living the dream – Charlotte Fyfe, 28, from Barry, has achieved her career ambition as a veterinary nurse via work based learning.

Charlotte first started her career as a trainee on work placement at Barry Vets in Barry with ACT, Wales' leading training provider.

Charlotte said: "I absolutely love my job. I love working with animals and their owners and it's something that I have wanted to do since I was little."

"I'm so happy with my training choice. I really rate

traineeships and apprenticeships. They are such a good idea and provide vital work experience to young people who do not have any experience or any thought of what they want to do. It also helps that you earn and learn on the job. To think I was going to go to university."

After successfully completing the traineeship, Charlotte's employers at Barry Vets were so impressed with her performance that they offered her a full-time job, which then allowed her to progress onto an apprenticeship and complete her veterinary nurse training.

Charlotte said: "I have been

very lucky to have such great employers. Not only did they give me a chance by taking me on as a trainee, but they also offered me a job and supported me to continue my training to become a veterinary nurse."

Funded by the Welsh Government, a traineeship is a pre-apprenticeship training programme that prepares young people not otherwise engaged in education or employment. ACT offers 12 traineeships routes including animal care, business admin and beauty, and works with other 700 employers across Wales to deliver its apprenticeship programmes.

Pupils pass first French test at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant

IT was smiles all round at Gwaun y Nant Primary School in Barry as certificates and medals were presented to the first group of pupils to complete their French course.

The pupils started studying the La Jolie Ronde course two years ago. They attend lunchtime classes once a week with teacher, Sian Elin Jones – or Madame Sian-El as she is known to her pupils.

Madame Sian-El said: "I'm very proud of everyone in the class. They have made excellent progress in French and are a joy to teach. Their enthusiasm for the language is wonderful and it's great to see them succeed. We'll now start on an advanced course which



Gwaun y Nant pupils with their French certificates.

takes us on a tour of the different regions of France."

Rhydian Lloyd, headteacher at Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant added: "I'm delighted that the pupils have done

so well with their French lessons. It's great being able to offer them the chance to start French at an early age here at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant. Children generally enjoy learning languages and

are happy to experiment with different language sounds and patterns.

"Well done to everyone on the commitment and motivation shown."

Tenovus cookery book launch

Barry Friends of Tenovus fundraising committee held a festive coffee morning on December 5, at Romilly Bowls Club.

A glass of bucks fizz and a mince pie were offered, along with the launch of their cookery book 'Cook with Us' featuring recipes from committee members, their family, friends and work colleagues, as well as well-known names.

The event was well attended, with a visit from Jane Hutt, AM. If anyone

would like to purchase a copy of the cookery book, contact a committee member, details of whom can be found on the Tenovus website.

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HIGH STREET'S SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY PROVES BIG SUCCESS



Small Business Saturday took place on December 5 and as you can see it proved a huge success. A number of shop owners took stalls out on the street to get into the spirit of the day and feature their wares. The local Tenovus choir entertained the festive shoppers with carols and songs. Small Business Saturday aims to promote the benefits of shopping locally at independent outlets – something High Street in Barry is renowned for.

Pumphouse commended

THE restoration of Barry's historic Pumphouse has been "highly commended" by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Cymru at its annual awards ceremony.

The commendation was awarded jointly to developer DS Properties, planning consultants White Young Green and the Vale Council.

Simon Baston, managing director of DS Properties, said: "DS Properties is very proud of winning the RTPI award for the Pumphouse. This has been a very exciting project to be involved with and it gives me great personal pleasure seeing this important part of Barry's industrial heritage brought back to life."

Library 'coding clubs' inspire

LIBRARIES in the Vale are among the first in Wales to offer children's classes to develop their computer programming skills.

The Code Clubs combine learning and enjoyment to help young people develop programming skills. The clubs are led by library staff who have received training from a nationwide scheme.

Code clubs are currently running in Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major and Penarth libraries and will soon start in Barry. Further information can be found online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/libraries. More information on code clubs can be found at www.codeclub.org.uk.

WAR OF ATTRITION AS DINAS POWYS HANG ON FOR DRAW

THE meeting between Dinas Powys and St Peter's earlier in the season ended in a 30-all draw, and a further 80 minutes of play could still not separate them on the scoreboard.

The 'Villagers' will be the happier with the draw as they played into a strong wind in the second half and rarely looked like scoring during this period, spending the majority of this time in their own half.

The home side had the elements in their favour during the first half and failed to capitalise. The 'Rocks' dominated the early part of the contest and came close to scoring a try on several occasions, with only a crucial final pass going astray.

The home side were defending defiantly but a series of penalties, confusingly awarded against an advancing scrum, restricted them to playing within their own 22 and, although a series of rolling mauls resulting from lineouts were stoutly defended, the pressure eventually resulted in a try for the visitors as the ball was moved to the right wing, who crossed for the opening score after 10 minutes. The Villagers enjoyed their best

period of the game following the restart. The front row of Andrew O'Mallia, Luke Dyer and the redoubtable Caleb Robinson not only dominated the scrummaging contest but carried the ball with intent in open play.

A series of powerful driving lineouts by the home side saw Dyer crash over for the try that levelled the score at five-all after a quarter of an hour.

The remainder of the first half saw the home side play too much rugby in their own half, failing to use the gale on their backs to play in opposition territory.

The endeavour and commitment from both sides was huge but on a cold day on a windswept common there was little attacking rugby to warm the gathered crowd.

At half time, both sets of coaches tried to rally their charges, but with the Villagers playing into the wind the visitors from Cardiff were firm favourites to win the game, as the wind seemed to increase in strength.

The second half saw no further scores, the home side enjoyed a lot of possession deep in their own half with skipper Huw Thomas carrying the ball numerous times, supported by the wonderful back

row of Lewis Dunleavy, Corey Imperatto and the tireless Ryan Shallah.

The visitors threatened but were repelled. The home side made a few breaks from their own half through centre Bryn Evans and wing Rhys Davies, but the dreary contest ended in near darkness with a scoreless second half.

KEVIN REMEMBERED

Prior to the game, a two-minute silence was observed for Kevin Ryan: former player, touch judge and touchline-prowling supporter who sadly passed away earlier in the week following a short illness. All associated with Dinas Powys RFC extend their sympathies to his family.

The Dingoes won 0-36 away at near neighbours Old Penarthians, going on a six-try rampage with captain Morgan Williams grabbing a brace and Tom Chapman, Ashley Wilson, James Walters and James Smith getting one apiece.

The victory was based on a firm foundation laid by the pack as Mike Jones, Tom Chapman and Lloyd Horwood teamed up again in the front row.

Sully Sports Firsts beat bogey team

Tongwynlais 12 Sully Sports 18

THERE was another cancellation for Sully Sports RFC last week as the second team's game away to St Peter's was called off, but the firsts built on their recent momentum with a hard fought away victory over their bogey team Tongwynlais.

Conditions under foot were treacherous, and the strong wind and rain didn't help, so both teams played a tight, kicking game, only sparingly attempting to

get the ball wide.

Captain Jon Blake led his pack by example and got the Sports' first try, with centre Adam Wheeler continuing his fine try-scoring form with another touchdown.

Co-centre Jake Williams slotted two penalties and a conversion, to seal an 18 - 12 win.

Saturday, December 12 KO 2:30pm, 1st Xv home to Llanrumney and 2nd Xv away to Barry.

Saturday, December 19 Mallet Cup away to Cardiff Metropolitan.

Blue Bulls' debut

WALES Rugby League's domestic champions Bridgend Blue Bulls will be entering the Ladbroke's Challenge Cup for the first time in 2016.

They will join the competition in the first round, and the draw takes place at Wembley Stadium on Thursday, January 7.

The Blue Bulls qualified for the competition after beating Aber Valley Wolves 34-30 in a thrilling Welsh Grand Final in August.

Thirty-six sides will go into the famous velvet bag to compete in one of the country's oldest tournaments and will form the first two rounds of the 2016

Ladbroke's Challenge Cup, which will be played on January 30 - 31 and February 13 - 14.

Nine winning teams from the second round will face teams from Kingstone Press League 1, including North Wales Crusaders and South Wales Scorpions, in the third round (February 27-28).

Stephen Smith, Bridgend Blue Bulls' team manager, said: "We are all excited for the draw. We are hopeful of a home draw but we will give a good account of ourselves wherever we are."

"It will be a great opportunity for our players and supporters to show that Rugby League is growing in the Bridgend county borough."

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Gyrrwrch – neu'n hytrach beiciwch – allan i bentref Wick a dyma i chi wrthgyferbyniad gyda Chaerdydd a'r Barri, dinas a thref fwyaf Cymru..

Yn wir, mae'n gymaint o fyd gwahanol – a chwa o awyr iach – i gael pentref traddodiadol ei maint a'i gwedd wedi ei adeiladu o amgylch cae sgwâr yn ei chanol fel bod hi'n dra phoblogaidd ymysg ymwelwyr, triplau ysgol a'r gyrrwyr dydd Sul fel petai.

Ble bynnag yr ydych yn byw yn y Fro, ceir yma gyfle i beidio teithio yn eich ceir ond yn hytrach cewch â'ch beic, gan taw tir seiclo gorau Cymru ydy hon, yn berchen iddi seiclwyr nid yn unig gorau'r Fro ond gorau'r byd – ie'n wir dyma'r pentref fagodd Nicole Cooke, y bencampwraig Olympaidd sydd wedi bod mor ffymyg yn ymosod ar ddrwgweithredwyr ei champ yn sgîl yr holl honiadau ofnadwy am gyffuriau a seiclo yn ddiweddar. Wrth gwrs, erbyn heddiw nid dim ond seiclo sydd dan y lach ond ta waeth am hynny, cewch â'ch cap a'ch menig seiclo gorau a'ch crys T melyn ac amdani! Dyma sut mae byw yn y Fro.

D.S. Rhag ofn eich bod yn meddwl fy mod i'n rhoi clod ar un o drigolion fwyaf enwog y Fro yn ddiangen, diweddiariad gan Robin Goch Sion Corn: sef yn ddarwybod i'r cyfryngau traddodiadol a

chyfoes, pan oedd Nicole Cooke yn bencampwr Olympaidd mi gafodd hi gais gan un o ysgolion Caerdydd yn un o wardiau mwyaf difreintiedig Caerdydd i alw draw gan eu bod ar daith ysgol i'r Wig. Gan fod Nicole yng nghanol ei hyfforddi i Bencampwriaethau Seiclo'r Byd, doedd hi ddim ar gael i gyfarch y plant, yn hytrach fe ofynnodd hi am enw pob plentyn yn y dosbarth a hela ffotograffau wedi eu harwyddo ganddi i bob un ohonynt – dyna waddol Olympaidd.

Ac mae'n ddrwg gen i, ystyr Wick – neu'r Wig fel galwyd y pentref hyd heddiw gan Gymry Cymraeg y Fro – coe-liwch fi neu beidio (dyna glwi!) yr un ystyr yn union â choedwig, er yn ddigon priodol efallai does dim gymaint â hynny o goed yna nawr. Mae'n siwr bod hynny yn wir am y Wick yn yr Alban a'r un ger Bryste hefyd...felly ydy mae hi yn mynd ar fy 'wick' i pan mae pobl yn honni nad oes fawr o Gymraeg wedi goroesi yn Saesneg!

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A hithe'n gyfnod hollol gwallgo o baratoi at yr ŵyl, dwi'n siwr bod ambell un yn dioddef cur pen.

Dyw'r plant ddim yn broblem, diolch i'w llythyr Sion Corn, ond beth am gyfaill, neu riant, neu gymar? Wel, coeliwch neu beidio, mae gen i'r ateb am anrheg bach munud olaf – ac un i blesio ystod eang o'r boblogaeth!

Pa ffordd well o ymlacio na phaned o de? Beth am drefnu sesiwn chwaethus te p'nawn? Mae na ryweth mor waraidd, mor foethus bron iawn, am y profiad o sawru te prynhawn. Mae na ddigonedd o opsiynau i'w cael ym Mro Morgannwg, ac am briesiau rhesymol dros ben. Lle gwell na'r Bontfaen am glonc gyda ffrind; mae'r Quater Penny Cafe ar hyd y Stryd Fawr – yn chwedlonol am weini paned y chacen. Tra yno'n ddiweddar fe flaisais i'r deisen goffi fwyaf erioed – a cofiwch fod Tracey, y reolwraig, yn siarad Cymraeg.

On os am brofiad mwy gwledig – a heddychlon dros ben – mae Gwinllan Llannerch yn cynnig opsiwn o de p'nawn am £15, neu £20 gyda glasiad o fizz. Ond yn bersonol, dwi wrth fy modd â steil Fictoriaid Penarth, sy'n cynnig chwa o awyr iach.

Ar achlysur fy mhen blwydd yn gynharach eleni, ges i anrheg hyfryd gan un o'm cyfeillion; triniaeth spa yng ngwesty moethus Holm House y dre, wedi'i ddilyn gan de prynhawn. Roedd yn ddiwrnod ffantastig, ymlaciol dros ben, â golygfeydd gwych dros yr Hafren islaw, ac ymysgedd Echni a Rhonech ar y gorwel. Fe ddychwelwn i mewn chwinciad i brofi'r sesiwn te p'nawn; mae'r prisiau'n amrywio o £6.95 i £16.50.

Os am brofi'r 'waw ffactor' dros de prynhawn, beth am drefnu bwrdd mwyty James Sommerin, ger y prom? Dyma chef sy'n anelu am seren Michelin, ac mae'r fwydlen faith yn sicr yn adlewyrchu hynny. Yng nghyd â sgonsen, brechdannau, teisennau amrywiol a phastai cig – a'r dewis o Champagne lliw rhosyn neu Kir Royale – gewch chi lolipop go arbennig yn y fargen! (£20-£29)

On pan brofias i'r trawma o ffarwelio â'r ferch fu'n trin fy mop o wallt cyrls ers cantoedd, es i'n unswydd i Washington Tea Rooms Penarth. Prynaid daleb gwerth £30, sef te prynhawn i ddau, i ddolch iddi am ei holl waith dros y blynyddoedd. Ro'n i'n falch i glywed iddi fwyhau ei hun yn fawr yng nghwmni ei ffrind gorau hithau; cymaint, yn wir, nes y bu'n rhaid i mi brofi'r un ddêl, ac archebu'r te p'nawn yno dros fy hun!

Mae'n gaffi hynod braf, yn yr adeilad Art Deco lle y bu Oriol Washington am gyhyd. Mae celf dal ar ddangos ar y waliau heddychlon, tra fod yr oriel ym



Te prynhawn yn y Washington Tea Rooms, Penarth.

Mhafiliwn Penarth erbyn hyn. Mae'r dewis o goffi a the y ddi-ddiwydd yno, ac mae te Nadolig – â blas ffrwythau a sinawen – ar gynnig yno trwy'r flwyddyn. Ond dewis traddodiadol wnes i yn y diwydd; paned hyfryd o de larll Llwyd.

Asiodd y blas trawiadol bergamot gyda fy newis o deisen; cacen sinsir, sy'n addas i figaniaid. Ces i hefyd dair brechdan, a sgonsen sylweddol, jam mefus a hufen tolech. Rhaid canmol cyfuniadau cyfoes a thymhorol y brechdannau, fel cyw iâr a phesto berwr. Ond gyda diwrnod o rybudd, gall y gegin baratoi blasau fydd at eich dant, neu'ch deiet arbennig chi.

Er cymaint o bleser ges i ar fy mhen fy hun, mae te prynhawn yn well byth mewn cwmni. Felly cofiwch, wrth archebu, i brynu tocyn ychwanegol i chi'ch hun, er mwyn mwynhau'r anrheg Nadolig gyda'ch gilydd.

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LOWRI HAF COOKE

Mae Eirlys Davies o Riwbina wedi bod yn fentor Cymraeg i Ann Simmons o'r Barri am bum mlynedd erbyn hyn.

Cwrddon nhw mewn Noson Rhaglen Fentora a drefnwyd gan Ganolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion Caerdydd a Bro Morgannwg. Prifysgol Caerdydd yn ôl yn Rhagfyr 2010 ac ers hynny maen nhw wedi bod yn cwrdd o leiaf unwaith y mis i siarad Cymraeg.

Dwedodd Eirlys: "Dyn ni'n cyfathrebu mewn nifer o ffyrdd gwahanol – Dyn ni'n e-bostio'n gilydd, mynd i Sain Ffagan, mynd i siopa neu allan am bryd o fwyd. Dw i'n gweld Ann mwy fel aelod o'r teulu y dyddiau hyn! Mae wedi bod yn wych achos dw i wedi cwrdd â ffrindiau newydd trwy fentora Ann hefyd.

Dyweddodd Ann: "Mae Eirlys yn ffrind mawr ac yn ysbrydoliaeth i mi. Ro'n i'n arfer bod yn eithaf nerfus pan o'n i'n cwrdd â hi ond dw i ddim o gwbl nawr, dw i'n siarad a siarad a does dim ots gyda fi os dw i'n gwneud camgymeriadau. Mae siarad â hi yn Gymraeg yn help mawr i fi ymarfer yr iaith".

Mae Canolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion Caerdydd a Bro Morgannwg wedi bod



yn rhedeg y rhaglen fentora ers bron i chwe blynedd erbyn hyn ac wedi helpu nifer o ddysgwyr i wella eu Cymraeg trwy gynnig y gwasanaeth hwn iddynt.

Oes diddordeb gyda chi mewn bod yn fentor i ddysgwyr Cymraeg? Os felly, cysylltwch â Glyn Wise ar wiseG3@cf.ac.uk / 029 2087 9226.

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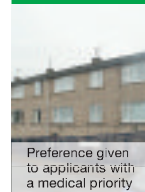
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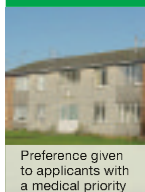
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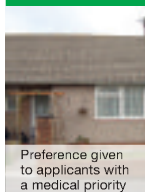
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SEASON'S WINNERS ARE FETED ON WENVOE CASTLE TROPHY EVENING



LEFT:
Lady champion
Jane Lott with lady
captain Barbara
Beedham.

RIGHT:
Club champion
Keith Stimpson with
club captain Chris
Jones.

BELOW:
Morgan Williams
Bowl winners Dr
Dai and Sue
Dayananda with
Chris Jones.



WENVOE Castle Golf Club presentation night is a highlight in the calendar when members gather to see the winners of the various club competitions receive their well-earned trophies.

Club champion Keith Stimpson was delighted to receive his trophy from club captain Chris Jones and gave praise to the runner-up Nick Grimmitt for a match played in an excellent spirit.

Keith also took the opportunity to thank the head greenkeeper and the green staff for presenting the course in superb condition, not only on the day but throughout the year.

He was especially pleased to receive a magnificent clock as a memento, to be placed on the mantelpiece of his new home when he and his wife move to the village of Wenvoe in the near future.

Lady champion Jane Lott received her trophy from the lady captain Barbara and similarly paid tribute to the runner-up Lesley Sherrard for a great match, the result of which could have gone either way. As a relatively new member, Jane thanked the club and particularly the ladies' section for the way in which she had received a warm and friendly welcome since joining.

There was a glittering display of silverware and once again vice president Colin Champ showed considerable stamina in announcing the winners, and in total 37 trophies were presented for the various men's, ladies' and mixed competitions.

The club captain Chris Jones thanked all the members who had supported the competitions and paid tribute to the efforts of the green staff. He also thanked the bar and catering staff for the excellent service on the evening, with a special appreciation of the efforts of Julie Staples who had diligently polished each and every trophy on display.

Club Championships

Club Champion, Mr Keith Stimpson; runner-up, Mr Nick Grimmitt; Lady Champion, Mrs Jane Lott; Runner-up, Mrs Lesley Sherrard.

Ladies' competitions

Blod Lewis Cup, Mrs Jill Rodgers; M Moss Memorial Shield, Mrs Candice Peterson; Thompson Salver, Mrs Denise Lloyd; Committee Cup, Mrs Barbara Beedham; Seniors Cup, Mrs Cecile Doody; White Cup Foursomes, Ms Sheila Morrow and Ms Helen Hughes; Mary Fellows Bowl, Ms Sheila Morrow; Bronze Division Champion, Ms Sheila Morrow; Handicap Oscar, Ms Barbara Beedham; Coronation Cup, Mrs Linda Marples; Laurie Jones Shield, Mrs Jane Lott and Mrs Judy Green.

Gentlemen's Competitions

Committee Cup, Mr Les Lockwood and Mr Jeff Elmes; LG Fellows Tankard, Mr Nigel Parry; Palmer Cup, Mr John Dudley; Autumn Tankards, Mr Andre Le Roux and Mr James Hegarty; Dai David Putter, Mr Andre Le Roux; Viv Jones Tankard, Mr Chris Hicks; Celnik Cup, Mr Keith Stimpson; Captain's Shield, Mr Darren Jeffries; Coronation Cup, Mr Russell Owens; 50th Year Cup, Mr Rhys Ivory and Mr Andrew Tailby; Renwick Seniors Trophy, Mr Jerry Carter; Robert Rickards Cup, Mr William Harrington; H Regan Foursomes, Mr Daniel Williams and Mr Rhys Ivory; Hales Cup, Mr Paul Wheatley; Dragon Trophy, Mr Lloyd Konten-Slomon.

Mixed Competitions

Vaughan Thompson, Mrs Sue Macpherson and Mr Gordon Macpherson; Morgan Williams Bowl, Mrs Sue Dayananda and Dr Dai Dayananda; Cupid Cup,

Mrs Linda Marples and Mr Tom Marples; Ashton Trophy, Ms Delyth Thomas and Mr Bobby Woodruff; Whiteflower Cup, Mrs Judy Green and Mr Brian Green; H Broadbent Trophy, Mrs Linda Hudd and Mr Jeff Hudd; Bowen Greenwood, Ms Nicola Sims and Mr Simon Gatheridge; Dr and Mrs A M Jones Trophy, Ms Nicola Sims and Mr Jeff Plevy; President's Bowl, Mr Steve Grinter; 75th Anniversary Cup, Mr Nigel Parry and Mr John Pulsford.



ABOVE:
Whitecup
Foursomes winners
Sheila Morrow and
Helen Hughes (left)
with lady captain
Barbara Beedham.

RIGHT:
Robert Rickards
Trophy winner
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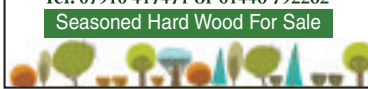
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Peacefully on December 2 at Llandough Hospital, Doreen Angela (Do), aged 81 years of Jenner Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late James. A loved mother of Allan, Tony, Angela, Stephen and Wayne. Loving mother-in-law. Cherished grandmother and great grandmother.

Do will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, December 16, service in the chapel at 11.30am, afterwards interment at Barry Cemetery at 12.30pm. Family flowers only if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Macmillan Cancer Support.

MORGAN Brynmor Wensley

Peacefully on November 30 at The University Hospital of Wales, after a long courageous fight, Bryn, well known former lecturer of Barry College. Devoted Husband of the late Val, much loved Dad of Nick & Kim, special Father-in-Law of Heather and John, cherished Grandpa to all his Grandchildren, loving Brother of Gwyneth. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bryn is being cared for by Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at their Windsor Road Chapel, (opposite the Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Monday, December 14 at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only, donations if desired may be made at the service or via Bryn's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support the Alzheimers Research UK.

TROTMAN Joy

It is with great sadness we announce the quiet and peaceful passing of Joy, aged 81 years on December 2 at the Princess of Wales Hospital. Joy, widow of the late Les of Heol Y Mynydd, Ogmere by Sea. She was a much loved and loving Mum to Rachel, Sarah and Judith. A proud Nanna to her seven grandchildren and doting Great Nanna Joy to her six Great Grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends including her two sisters, Wendy and Freda.

Funeral service will be held at the Gospel Hall, Minerva Street, Bridgend on Wednesday, December 16 at 11am, before burial at the churchyard at St Brides Major. Flowers may be sent to J.R. & M.F. David, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB. Enquiries to 01656 880308.

CAHUSAC Barry

Passed away peacefully on December 7 at Llandough Hospital - Barry, well known for his time as a fireman. Much loved dad to Jodie and Jon, respected father in law of Paul and Isla. A loving papa Barry of Ben and Lily. Loved brother to Tina and Heather.

Barry will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry, until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Friday, December 18 at 2pm. Family flowers only - donations if desired may be made at the service or via Barry's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support The Noahs Ark Childrens Hospital For Wales. Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962.

FORD Graham

Peacefully at UHW Cardiff on December 2. Graham aged 78 years, of Phillipa Freeth Court, Barry. Graham will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service on Tuesday, December 15 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only donations in lieu if so desired for Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

COELHO Christina

Suddenly on December 5 at the University Hospital of Wales, Chrissy, aged 53 years and well known within Penarth, sadly passed away. A loving daughter to Anthony, much loved sister of Alun, Tony, Maria, Teresa, Linda, Angela and their families.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends

Chrissy is being cared for by Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, December, 18 at 11am.

Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home or if desired, donations may be made at the service to Kidney Research UK in memory of Chrissy.

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Rhoose Lifeguards hold presentation evening



ANOTHER busy year of competitions and events has come to a close for the competitors, families and supporters associated with Rhoose Lifeguards Club.

The club celebrated the many successes over of 2015 at its end of season club AGM and presentation evening. With a disco following, everyone enjoyed a social get-together to reflect on the year's activities and achievements.

A number of awards were presented with the following members from the Nipper, Junior, Senior and Masters age categories taking home a trophy:

Best first year Junior - Brooke Peterson; **Most Improved Paddler** - Millie Wiggins; **Best Junior** - Declan Ewington; **Lifeguard of the Year** - Kelsea Peterson; **Winner of the Toudic Cup** - Rhys Gardner; **Winner of the Nipper Toudic Cup Race** - Ben Ewington.

The Kevin Rowlands Trophy for individual performances at the Welsh & GB events - Heddus Davies; **The Sarah Thompson award for best performance across the beach events** - Heddus Davies; **The Margaret Cooper Award for outstanding work for the club** - Simon Perry; **Most Improved Nipper Boy** - Cai Beasley; **Most Improved Nipper Girl** - Xantia Hobrough; **Most Enthusiastic Newcomer Boy** - Ethan Harding; **Most Enthusiastic Newcomer Girl** - Molly Bevan.

Nippers' Nipper Award - Evie Wong; **Special Award for Outstanding Performance** - Evie Wong; **Outstanding Award Runner Up** -



Alice Connelly; Overall Nipper Award - Brooke Peterson, Ethan Wall & Cian Davies.

As well as the individual awards many have achieved so much this year within the disciplines associated with surf lifesaving. In particular on ski, where Rhoose won the under-14, under-16 and under-19 ski, both male and female, at the Welsh Championships - well done to Declan, Jason, Alex, Millie, Ellie and Kelsea.

Also special congratulations to Kelsea Peterson who won the Ladies Seniors Board race at the age of 16. Well done Kelsea!

Moving to the European Championships as Wales hosted the European Seniors and Club Championships at Swansea and Aberavon; Rhoose had a small team competing in the club events. Well done to Dominic, Alex, Kelsea and Lauren.

Well done also to Karen who competed at the European Masters Championships in Spain and picked up a number of medals including a European Masters Board Champion medal.

In terms of team success, overall the club did extremely well with Rhoose winning the annual ski race, the Junior team winning the Welsh Championships



as well as the Rhoose Junior Nipper Award.

The Nippers also had a great year, jointly winning the Welsh Stillwaters as well as winning the Mumbles & Whitmore Bay Carnivals.

Many individual members were presented with surf lifeguard and surf lifesaver awards, Junior, Master and Ski Competence Awards.

Last month Rhoose were also presented with the Super Club with the Nippers winning the Welsh Stillwaters as well as the MumbTrophy, an award based on all of the results from all age groups at the Welsh pool and ocean championships. Rhoose Nippers were also awarded the Nipper Club of the Year Award.

Aside from the competition element to the club, Rhoose Lifeguards are involved in many aspects within the community. This year members covered voluntary lifeguard patrols at Pontygarny amounting to over 250 man hours of time over the summer months.

Rhoose also provided water safety cover for the first Cardiff Triathlon in June with 25 members involved.

Finally we had six members representing the Welsh team this year - Finn, Alex,



Kelsea as girls captain, Ellie and Lauren and Tanara at the Senior event.

Of course the success of the club is down to everyone involved. A big thanks also to all the coaches and helpers that

give of their time each week - coaching, training, towing trailers - organising events and competitions, helping out at events, organising clothing and kit, raising funds and taking their

children to the various events.

Well done to everyone and thanks again for all of your support throughout the year.

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End of year awards at St Athan Golf Club



Craig Sherman and Erin Allison.



A special award for Jon Pengelly.

ST ATHAN Golf Club recently held its presentation evening with nearly £4,000 worth of crystal being awarded to members who had triumphed in various competitions played throughout the season.

The chairman of play, Gary Bohun, conducted the proceedings with the club captain, Taff Edwards, ladies' captain Carolyn McKenzie and club president Paul Lindsay presenting the trophies to the worthy winners.

The most sought-after trophies are undoubtedly the junior, ladies and club championship titles. Gareth Brookes and Josh Morgan must be congratulated for the way they conducted themselves throughout their match. They produced some tremendous shots and it was unfortunate that there could only be one winner; Josh Morgan was delighted to take the Junior Championship title.

No stranger to playing in the ladies' final, Erin Allison was hoping to add this year's title to the 2012 and 2013 that she already held. Erin was up against last year's champion Michelle Bligh and after a well-fought battle, Michelle graciously relinquished her Ladies' Champion crown to Erin.

There was rapturous applause from the floor for both Chris Bacon and Craig Sherman; the club championship competitors. Chris, playing for the first time in the final of this competition, was up against Craig who already had his name on the competition board on two previous occasions. Craig propelled himself into an early lead, maintained the advantage and ensured that his name would appear again - Club Champion 2015.

As well as the trophies, there are two awards that are presented annually to individuals who, in the opinion of the committee have fulfilled certain criteria.

The first, The Elderflower Salver, goes to the junior who always tries their hardest, shows extreme dedication, conducts themselves impeccably and is a pleasure to have in the junior section.

The second is the Kyle Trophy, presented to the club member who has achieved a significant handicap reduction, achieves a great deal of success in all competitions entered and who sets a good example both on and off the course.

Louie John and Steph Bonnar were ecstatic when their names were announced as the Elderflower Salver and Kyle Trophy recipients respectively.

The club captain congratulated all winners, supporters and every member who had competed throughout the year before announcing that Stu Jennings is this year's club-person of the year for the invaluable contribution he makes in ensuring that the correct information is published for the weekly competitions.

The clubhouse members erupted into laughter when Simon Hampson was presented with a caricature trophy of Jon Pengelly; after striking Jon's head with a golf ball earlier in the year Simon most certainly deserved 'shot of the year'!

The evening culminated in the president acknowledging the people concerned with organising another memorable presentation evening.

St Athan Golf Club is a members club which caters for green fee players but particularly welcomes new playing members. For further information contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

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School's rugby stars impress!

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's year-7 rugby team played Stanwell Comprehensive on November 26 in the third round of league fixtures.

With a number of pupils playing only their first or second game of rugby for the school, it was an excellent opportunity to show their skills and the things they had learnt since the start of the year.

Cowbridge started extremely well, with the pack providing outstanding service for scrum half Rhys Pritchard.

With this quick ball, Cowbridge were passing the ball around, illustrating excellent skills for such a young group of players.

For the first try, about seven pairs of hands touched the ball across the line before Rhys Hardman sprinted up the wing and touched the ball down over the whitewash. A safe conversion was made by Harry Trehan to secure the extras.

Cowbridge continued this pressure straight after the restart, with Ruben Davies and Paddy Kennedy proving to be a formidable force in the centre and causing all sorts of problems for the defence.

Before too long, Cowbridge had added another 14 points to their tally, courtesy of two strong runs from Ruben Davies and Will Stancombe, with the conversations expertly executed again by Harry Trehan.

Stanwell were producing some excellent moves and phases of play themselves, but hard-hitting tackles from Akka Guwy, Robbie Brown and Aaron Holcombe were keeping them at bay.

Before the end of the half Ruben Davies increased his tally to three and Paddy Kennedy went over for an excellent try himself, with a few dummies which Barry John would have been delighted with.

The first half ended and the score was 36-0 to Cowbridge.

The game proved to be a tale of two halves, with Cowbridge taking their foot off the throttle after the break and Stanwell putting theirs flat to the floor. Other teams would have dwindled away, but to their credit Stanwell fought back.

The home side's defence had solidified and Cowbridge were finding it difficult to fully penetrate their line.

Stanwell, on the other hand, were finding gaps in the Cowbridge defence that had been slammed shut in the first half, but were now opening through continued pressure.

Stanwell put up a valiant effort in the half, but could not pull the score back enough.

The game finished 36-15 to Cowbridge, with Stanwell getting three consolation tries before the final whistle.

Well done year-7, the first half performance was as good as I have seen from a year-7 rugby team. We need to ensure we perform for the full 50 minutes, but that will come with experience.

Keep up the hard work in training, and more wins will come - well done again!

SD

Santa visits the Ninjas



THE Ninja Kids students at JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness were treated to a surprise visit from Santa at their winter Tae Kwon Do graduation held at Penarth Leisure Centre.

Prior to the arrival of their festive guest, the most junior martial artists in the school put on an impressive display for proud family members and friends.

The Ninja Kids programme is specifically designed for this age group, with lessons taking place in a structured and welcoming atmosphere.

The arrival of the man in red prompted the excited Ninjas to take the opportunity to show him their certificates and new belts - while sneaking in a few Christmas list requests at the same time.

Santa rounded off his visit by rewarding the Ninjas for their hard work by handing out selection boxes to everyone who took part.

For more details visit www.jstkd.co.uk. VV

ABOVE:
Club championship competitors, Chris Bacon and Craig Sherman.

RIGHT:
Club-person of the year, Stu Jennings.

POINT-TO-POINT 'BLAST FROM THE PAST' – AND 1925

BY BRIAN LEE

NINETY years ago in 1925 the Glamorgan Hunt held its annual point-to-point steeplechases at Pantlladron Farm, Stalling Down, near Cowbridge and large posters were put around the course warning punters to beware of bookmakers who took bets and disappeared if they faced a large pay-out.

The open nomination race was won by George Lort-Stokes' *White Light* ridden by Tommy Griffiths.

A fortnight later, when *White Light* scored at the Monmouthshire Hunt steeplechases at Castle Farm, it was David Thomas who was in the saddle.

This gentleman rider and farmer from Pyle near Bridgend might well have won the Grand National on *Pencoe* but for a fall two fences from the finish when apparently going really well.

However, his finest moment was to come in 1926 when he rode his own horse *Miss Balscadden* to a head victory over the favourite *Postino* in the Welsh Grand National at Cardiff's Ely racecourse.

Mr Thomas later sold *Miss Balscadden* to Sir David Llewellyn for £1,000 and in 1928, when ridden by Barry's George Bowden, she pulled off the Welsh Grand National double after starting a rank 20-1 outsider.

Another winner at the Glamorgan in 1925 was *Barnstormer*, whose owner/rider Ralph Elliot Morel, the shipowner from Dinas Powis, at a dinner that evening asked that the cup he had won be presented to his groom, Edgar Williams who had been

responsible for the care of *Barnstormer* the previous four years.

One rider who notched up a double at the Glamorgan was Mr F G Ward Jackson with *Polly* and *Conciliation*.

The Lord Tredegar Hunt point-to-point steeplechase meeting was held at Coedkernew between Cardiff and Newport and special buses were laid on from both areas.

One of the first vehicles to arrive on the course was an old style hunting coach drawn by a team of four horses and heralded with a coach horn.

There were more than the usual incidents of fraud, which was not really surprising with all five races going to the favourites. Those unlucky racegoers who had been duped vented their wrath at the bookmakers' stands.

Among the riders at this meeting were the Earl of Carlisle and Mr JC Clay, captain of the Glamorgan County Cricket Club and a great supporter of horse racing.

The closest finish of the day at the Pentrych Hunt steeplechases, where Mr CC Williams won the members' race on *Dolly Grey*, came in the ponies' race in which *Ocean Wave* beat *Tilby* by a head.

The members' heavyweight race went to Phillip Jones' *Jack* ridden by Frank Raymond. Mr CC Bill Williams, of Llanrumney Hall in Cardiff which was years later turned into a pub, was awarded the Military Cross in the First World War and as well as being a good horseman was also a fine shot.

His favourite horse was *Billy*, which he rode in point-to-points.

Adapted from *Brian Lee's out-of-print book The Races Came Off – The Story of Point-To-Point Racing in south and west Wales*.

EVAN'S ACROSS THE CARD DOUBLE

THE Evan Williams' bandwagon rolls on and on!

Last Thursday, the 'Welsh Wizard' had just two horses running, one at Wincanton and the other at Leicester and both of them won.

First off the mark was *Blandfords Gunner*, a six-year-old bay gelding owned by Kevin and Anne Glastonbury which won the Lubenham Novices' Limited Handicap Chase at Leicester under Adam Wedge.

The six-year-old bay gelding, which went off at odds of 7-2, beat the favourite *Moscow Me* by one-and-a-quarter lengths. Mr Glastonbury,

a former international athlete, told me he thought a lot about this horse quite recently and I am pleased that it has lived up to his expectations.

Later in the day at Wincanton, recent Chepstow winner *Capilla*, owned by the Vale's Mrs Janet Davies, landed the Belikedan Daniel Rhodes Memorial Amateur Rider's Handicap Chase over two miles and four furlongs.

Partnered by Connor Or, the seven-year-old grey gelding, which was made the 7-4 favourite, came home five lengths ahead of *Saint Breiz* to give Evan another day to remember.

BRIAN LEE

Law firm sponsors the Blues women



ABOVE: Cardiff Blues vice-captain Rhiannon Parker with her teammate Kim Jones in their new CJCH Solicitors-sponsored training kit.

A LAW firm in Bridgend has stepped in to provide backing for Cardiff Blues women's rugby team.

CJCH Solicitors has provided new wet weather training kit for the 35-woman squad as part of a sponsorship package.

"This is a tremendous help to us as a club," said head coach Stuart Clarke. "The women's game is growing fast in terms of skill levels and popularity, but we don't have the kind of money that exists in the men's game. That's why support like this is so vital."

ATHLETIC TAKE BARRY DERBY DAY HONOURS

ATHLETIC continued their good form against an experienced FC Barry team.

In swamp-like conditions and with a howling wind both teams played good football given the conditions.

Early exchanges were pretty even but Athletic's young side eventually became too strong for their opposition.

The breakthrough came when Dan Morgan cut in from the left wing to strike a 20 yard shot into the top corner of the FC Barry net.

With centre back's Eddie Roe and Tom

Dyball dominating the defensive area, and keeper Nathan Gratton providing reassurance behind them the Athletic back line were rarely troubled from this point on.

Linford Harris grabbed Athletic's second with a neat finish and Morgan then scored his second of the game.

Only minutes later Morgan completed his hat-trick when he headed a 40 yard cross field pass from Eddie Roe back across the keeper from 18 yards. A top quality hat-trick that delighted the Athletic supporters on the sidelines.

There was then further cause for the

VFC Barry 0 Barry Athletic 7

Athletic sidelines to be jumping for joy when Ben Graham produced a moment of magic, dancing through three defenders and bending an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

With only minutes left Harris muscled his way through the defence to get his second of the game and Graham sealed things off with another worldie! A 20 yard drive flew in off the underside of the bar to end the game 7-0. Huge thanks to FC Barry, whose attitude was fantastic throughout.

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'Canoe Wales' holds training in Barry



DESPITE the atrocious weather two weekends ago, with the rain lashing down, members of Canoe Wales braved the elements for training.

They later reverted to the indoor training room, where the coaches put them through a rigorous practise session, kayaking against the stop watch.

Canoe Wales has selected the Barry Community Water Activities Centre, on the docks as a regional base for 'Sprint Kayaking'.

The successful kayakers will be members of the Canoe Wales team,

known as 'Seren Dwr' and will take part in the planned National Championships.

An exciting spectator game soon to be watched on the water, is Canoe Polo. This is a very fast and robust new sport which Bridgend Canoe and Cardiff Canoe Polo Club will be playing, with the anticipated added challenge of clubs from all over Wales taking part.

The OWT chairman, Mr Chris Basten, said present developments are very exciting, and the future of the old derelict dock waters are being transformed by the numerous activities developing at the Mole.

The Barry and District Skittles League results

LATEST league results are: Division 1:

49'ers, (G.Yarr, D.Whittaker 26)
285, The Merryman (S.Humphries 36)
304.

Blue Monkey (D.Brown 27) 260,
BP Breakaways (P.Gardner 28) 283.
Bunker Boys (N.Taylor 28) 273,
Blue Monkey (D.McCarthy 28) 269.
Cavaliers (R.Thomas 35) 314,
49'ers, (D.Whittaker 27) 282
Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin 34) 270,
Sea View (A.Elston 29) 293.

Ex-Servicemen (T.Cacicia 28)
244, Barry Park 'B' (R.Freeman 28)
266.

The Hairy Lemons (S.Linney 29)
292, The Merryman (S.Barnes 33)
272.

Top four	Pd.	Pts	Rolls
49'ers	9	14	27.5
BP Breakaways	8	12	22.5
Sea view	9	11	25
Geest	9	10	24

Division 2:
Abercete (B.Selby 30) 299, Buffs
Exiles (R.Miller 30) 301.
Exiles (S.Moore, J.Miles 28) 284,
Park Rangers (C.Jones 31) 279.
Posties (M.Churchill 28) 280,
Tynewydd Lads (M.Perry 28) 278.

IN BRIEF

THE churches of Barry will perform 'Christmas - The Story' from December 14-19 at St Mary's Church, Holton Road.

Church members from across various churches of Barry have been working hard to make costumes

and scenery. The actors are all members.

The schools have been invited and it is open to everyone, completely free every day at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

There will be two real donkeys at each performance which are a great attraction for the children.

A headteacher from Barry has been included in the top 50 shortlist for the one million dollar Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize 2016.

Widely referred to as the Nobel Prize for teaching, the US\$1 million award is the largest prize of its kind. Three UK teachers have been

shortlisted, including Janet Hayward from Cadroxton Primary School in Barry.

The Global Teacher Prize was set up to recognize exceptional teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to the profession, as well as to shine a spotlight on the important role they play in society.

Barry RFC under 13s close to 'total rugby'

A cold wind may have blown but the boys played a passionate form of rugby.

The first scrum went to Barry who set out their stall with Zak getting the ball out to Kyle who would not be denied and scored in the corner.

The boys were driving them back at will and the aggression in the tackle could not be faulted.

The Barry captain led from the front and showed the boys how to take it to the opposition. We now have depth of flair and pace, mixed with strength and capability.

Far too many penalties were given away initially. Luckily there was not too much punishment from a few dodgy lineouts.

Llantwit were also rewarded by a well taken try.

There was outstanding tackling by Zak, Jack L, Rory, Adam. A few handling errors took us off the boil for a few phases, but that was soon rectified by Zak who scored a try and converted it.

The backs were flying and Kyle scored another try.

The boys were penalised for coming in from the side regularly, this meant Barry lost a bit of ground.

Jack R had a jinking run and scored. Then from the Barry 22, again the ball was presented to Jack R who scored the try of the game.

With players hanging off and falling by the wayside Jack R powered through.

Another team try ensued from a scrum. The ball went out to the wing - Rory to Jack R and then - possibly - man of the match Kyle receiving and scoring.

The boys turned over ball, nullified their opponents' play, rucked a lot and stuck to the task. This, bar a few errors, was close to being a total rugby.

It is a testament to the boys that they marked out their flair players. It takes two sides to make a game and the opposition certainly played their part.

The season is progressing well. When we are in full flow it is a joy to behold. I for one am full of pride in my son's performance as every parent should be!

Llantwit 7 Barry Atoms 34 (tries: Kyle(3), Jack R (2), Zak, 2 cons Zak.

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A rare 'tack malfunction' allows favourite to romp home

by BRIAN LEE

THEY say one man's misfortune is another man's good fortune. But at Sandown last Friday it was a case of one man's misfortune was another woman's good fortune.

Llanharan's Tom David riding the Ben Pauling trained Silvergrove in the Coldunell Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase jumped the last in front and was on his way to what appeared to be certain victory when, owing to what was described as a 'tack malfunction', his saddle slipped causing him to exit via the side door!

This left the favourite *Conas Taoi*, ridden by Katie Walsh, to romp home a 16 lengths winner.

Conas Taoi, who was winning for the third time on the trot, is trained by Bridgend's Paul Morgan.

Tom had worked hard coaxing his mount around the famed Sandown Park course and Pauling was quick in the defence of his rider.

He said: "You can clearly see the saddle go - it was a real shame.Tom put his weight back onto his left foot and you can see the saddle give way.

When he put his weight back on to his other side, he had no chance of staying on.

"I'm not blaming Tom in any way. Therewas nothing he could have done. I hope any grumbling punters recognise this."

It wasn't Pauling's day as earlier he had watched his *Malibu Sun* just touched off by *Vision De Champs* in a photo finish.

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DEFEATED, BUT 'BARRY CHESS' MOVE UP TABLE

THIS week, there were three matches involving the Barry Chess Club and three of them ended in defeat.

In the Premier League, the Vale team travelled to play the White Knights. A review of the relative ratings of both sides indicated a close match.

The White Knights team included a former Barry player, Bill Hewitt, on board 1. In his short time with Barry, Bill was undefeated, drawing every match. So perhaps it was no surprise when Bill faced Lee Davis that the points would be shared.

Robert Taylor also drew his game, with the only shining light being James Thomas, who gave us some degree of respectability to make the final score 4-2.

After two rounds of games, we remain on one match point along with three other teams. Cardigan lead the table with two wins, while Abergavenny and White Knights have one win and one bye each. Finishing in the top two would appear to be difficult, even at this early stage in the competition.

In division 1, the Bosons hosted the Pontypridd Barbarians. If ever there was going to be a guaranteed victory for Barry, then this should have been it. However, it was not to be even though our board 5 outranked four of their five players. All we could muster was three draws.

While this does not really alter the

position for the Bosons, because we currently do not have the strength in depth to challenge at the top of the division, this result makes it even harder for the Camelots in their relegation fight.

On the same night, the Quarks hosted Porthcawl. In a sort of reverse to the Bosons fixture, the Quarks were outranked on every board. The promotion-chasing Porthcawl had four players outranking our board 1. However, with two draws and a win for Stephen Bonutto on board 5, we restored some respectability for Barry.

Even in defeat we find ourselves moving up the table, and are now outside the relegation spots for the first time since September, and sit a whole half point above the Cardiff Cavaliers.

Our next two matches before Christmas are against the bottom club, Caerphilly Knights and the Cavaliers. While we can expect to be outranked in both of these games, victories could go a long way to preserving our place in division 3.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game. For more details, visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

Phil Jones

Barry under-7s hold nerve to clinch win

AFTER a week off playing last week due to terrible weather conditions Llantwit Major RFC under-7s travelled up the B4265 to play their first ever local derby against neighbouring Barry.

With their big town neighbours boasting a healthy playing squad, ample enough to field three sides, the odds seemed to be against the visitors who are still in the early stages of development.

Barry started the match strong, scoring a quick try as Llantwit gave away a succession of penalties.

The Llantwit players, still adapting to pathway rules found themselves the foes of the referee's whistle, and following more penalties it looked like it was going to be a one-sided match.

With a limited supply of attacking ball Llantwit started to show some of their quality evasive skills and ended up scoring some quality tries to keep themselves in a close game.

After a short break the second half began with Llantwit facing a fresh bunch of opposition players. Having found their feet, the visitors started as they finished the first half, with some top running and evasive skills that saw them scoring more tries.

With only a few minutes left on the clock, Barry started to apply the pressure which saw them land a few more tries of their own, but Llantwit held their nerve to clinch

their very first local derby victory.

Team: Aaron Moce, Dylan Rees, Dylan Thomas, Dylan Barlow, Keegan Saunders, Kieran Neil, Sean Boulton, Scott Sawyer.

Llantwit Major RFC under-7s are currently

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Barrivale Bridge latest results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for December 1:

1st Mark Roderick & Kay Dyer 68.33%; 2nd Mick Green & Sean Macdougall 65.83%; =3rd Mike Close & Peter Millar 55.00%; =3rd Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 55.00%; =3rd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 55.00%. Mick Green and Sean Macdougall won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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BARRY CONQUER WEATHER TO BEAT LLANTRISANT

B A R R Y entertained second-placed Llantrisant on a damp Saturday afternoon, as they aimed to continue their recent winning streak.

Injuries to Liam Ring, Ashley Adams and inspirational captain James Hadfield meant that there were returns to the starting line-up for Dave Provis and Luke O'Sullivan, while Remy Frenay and Ben Such were promoted from the Second XV following their impressive showing last weekend.

The disruption to the selection was not apparent as Barry started strongly despite playing up the hill and against a strong gale-force wind in the first half.

Llantrisant probed around the fringes but the Barry tackling was firm and turned the ball over for an opportunity to counter from their own 22.

A well-executed kick found the visiting defence in disarray and following a hack forward by Provis, Brad White followed up, only to be caught metres short of the line.

The Barry attack, however, remained patient and overwhelmed their opposite numbers with Tom Perry benefitting from a close range try – his third in two games. Kyle Barros was unable to add the extras from a difficult angle.

Llantrisant were not making the most of the elements and seldom employed the boot.

Instead, they laboured around the fringes without making many inroads to the Barry defence which once again held firm.

The Barry back-row of O'Sullivan, Owain Poole and Hywel Jones were dominating proceedings at the break-down, and within the quarter hour their hard work would be rewarded.

Slick interplay in midfield saw Poole emerge with the ball with support on either side, but instead he threw an outrageous dummy to beat the last defender to score underneath the posts. Barros added the extras.

Barry looked dangerous every time they came forward, and the centre partnership of Perry and White were at

Barry 27-7 Llantrisant



Action from the game.
Photo by Howard Poole.

their devastating best, with Einar Scott orchestrating matters at outside-half.

Llantrisant did have a telling advantage in the scrum, but too often they chose the wrong option after dominating possession and territory with the chance begging.

Instead, Barry showcased their ruthlessness in attack by creating an overlap out on the left, and it was White's turn to get on the scoreboard as he grounded under the posts. Barros added the extras.

The 19-0 score-line stunned the visitors to finally awake from their slumber and they piled the pressure on before the interval. Just when Barry seemed to have weathered the storm as they forced a knock-on, Llantrisant won a scrum against the head and was controversially awarded a penalty try.

The weather and ground conditions unsurprisingly deteriorated and anyone hoping for another high scoring half was left disappointed. The final 40 minutes became a war of attrition, with Barry seeking for the bonus point try whilst Llantrisant attempted to haul themselves back into the game.

The hosts had, by now, negated the Llantrisant threat in the scrum and appeared to have matters under control, especially after Barros had slotted a penalty from 35 metres out to extend the lead. Barry emptied the

bench to inject fresh impetus in the hunt for the bonus point, and it duly came with 10 minutes to go. Following prolonged pressure on the visitors' line, Hywel Jones crashed over for the vital score. Barros failed to add the extras but it mattered little.

The visitors piled forward into Barry's 22 in the last five minutes, hoping to gain a consolation score, but despite the home side being down to 14 men, the defence held firm for an impressive 27-7 victory which saw the home side leapfrog Llantrisant into second place in the table.

This was yet another impressive performance by the green-and-whites which showed a combination of adaptability to the conditions, determination in defence, and ruthlessness in attack. Long may it continue.

Barry travel to Porth next weekend for their SWALEC Plate tie, whilst the 2nd XV entertain Rumney and 3rd XV host Sully Sports.

Team: Barros; Provis, Perry (captain), White, W Jones; E Scott, Lee; Evans, Vidal, Hollister; Oaten, C Scott; O'Sullivan, Poole, H Jones

Replacements: Such (for Vidal), G Jones (for Oaten), Frenay (for Poole), T Scott (for Lee), Ryan (for Provis)

Man-of-the-match: White.

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The Brynhill golfers land prestigious national title!



THE Mail on Sunday National golf competition is an annual event which is played throughout the year; 3,200 teams entered in a knockout format with the victorious last four teams going forward to the competition finals held at El Rompido Golf Resort, Andalucia, Spain.

Brynhill Golf Club entered the competition and after nine knockout rounds qualified, together with three other teams from across the UK. Brynhill was the only team from Wales to qualify.

On November 22 the team members together with supporters flew from Cardiff Airport to El Rompido. The Brynhill team of Wayne Adams, Matt Mullooly, Richard Bond, Aaron Smith, Jamie Griffiths, Sam Preston and Craig Balchin tee'd off early and played their semi-final match against Normanby Hall Golf Club from Lincolnshire. Brynhill won 3-2 with a nail biting play-off, brilliantly won by Aaron on the 19th hole.

The final match,

dubbed a Celtic final, saw Brynhill playing against Muthill Golf Club from Scotland. It was a hard fought match with Brynhill having to give away many shots to their opposition. Richard secured the win on the 18th green. This was a fantastic achievement for Team Brynhill and they celebrated in true Welsh style!

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The gala dinner on Sunday for the way in which the whole event was organised, from the first match of the year through to the finals played in sunny Spain. Well done Team Brynhill, the way you have played golf this year has been outstanding and you deserve all the accolades bestowed upon you; the committee and club members of Brynhill are very proud of you.

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